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Labour front bench to get tilt to the left

Healey doubt but jobs for Smith and Gould

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock is preparing for a shake-up of his senior front-bench posts aimed at giving the Shadow Cabinet a fresh look in the wake of the Labour Party's defeat in the general election.

The leftward shift of the Parliamentary Labour Party through the election was expected in any case to reduce the strong centre-right majority in the Shadow Cabinet. The prospect of an agreed slate of candidates between the far left Campaign Group and the traditional left Tribune Group, which between them can muster a majority of the 229 Labour MPs, makes the prospect of a pronounced move to the left in the key front-bench posts more likely.

Industrial confidence still rising

Industrial confidence continues to soar, the latest monthly trend inquiry from the Confederation of British Industry shows. More companies plan to raise their output over the summer months than at any time for 10 years.

The Good University Guide

Today The Times starts a major series that is essential reading for school leavers and their parents in an era when educational attainment is the key to success in life.

Portfolio Gold

The £15,000 prize in the weekly Times Portfolio Gold competition - double the usual amount as there was no winner the previous week - was shared on Saturday by two readers.

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Mr Gorbachov, with his wife Raisa, speaking to reporters after voting in Moscow yesterday.

Gorbachov issues challenge to West on arms control

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, yesterday challenged Western leaders to match recent Soviet arms control initiatives and accused them of lacking the political realism necessary to make progress on disarmament.

in the West, there is a dearth of political realism. They appear, above all, to be trying to save face. But we need concrete steps today towards a non-nuclear world, a world without violence. Tens of millions of Soviet electors yesterday took part in the first local government poll for decades in which, at Mr Gorbachov's insistence, about 5 per cent of seats are being contested by more than one agreed candidate.

Airports share sale to break fresh ground

By Richard Thomson

The Government will today announce an innovative structure for the £1 billion-plus flotation of BAA, formerly called the British Airports Authorities, as the latest offering in its privatization programme.

Mr Paul Channon, the new Secretary of State for Transport, is presenting the pathfinder prospectus outlining details of the company and the form of the flotation.

Most of the shares will be offered on a fixed price basis, with the government deciding on the price when the shares come on offer in mid-July. That has been the form of most recent privatizations.

National alert for contaminated food

By A Staff Reporter

Police forces throughout the country were on alert last night after food stocks at a Safeway supermarket were deliberately contaminated with ground glass and weedkiller.

The alert was ordered after parquat was found in grapefruit juice and particles of glass in coleslaw bought from Safeway's Cameron Toll, Edinburgh, store.

Police hold 800 in South Korean city

Pusan, South Korea (Reuter) - Riot police here, the country's second city, arrested at least 800 protesters last night and beat back a crowd of more than 4,000 trying to demonstrate in the city centre.

In another incident, 2,000 demonstrators fought pitched battles with riot police in Kwangju, in the south-east. There was also trouble in Iri and Taegu, but Seoul, the capital, was relatively quiet.

The latest violence broke out a few hours before ruling party leaders were due to present President Chun Doo Hwan with urgent proposals on how to defuse the 12-day old wave of anti-Government violence.

A top-level US State Department envoy is visiting Seoul today for urgent talks with the Government, reflecting increasing American concern at the situation.

A Democratic Justice Party caucus drew up a programme of what it called democratization reforms. State radio reported that some officials believe President Chun could help to resolve the crisis by reversing his ban on discussing political reforms until after next year's Olympic Games in Seoul.

Lecturer faces inquiry over charge of race harassment

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A college lecturer accused by the Inner London Education Authority of making racist remarks faces a disciplinary inquiry today which could lead to his dismissal.

Mr John Smith, aged 59, a senior lecturer in engineering at South Thames College in the London borough of Wandsworth, is accused of "racial harassment".

The charge is based on allegations made to the college authorities by an Asian student aged 36.

Mr Smith, a highly qualified and widely experienced consulting engineer, says his case is similar to those of Miss Maureen McGoldrick in Brent and Mr Ray Honeyford in Bradford, two head teachers who were accused of racism.

An ILEA official said last night that the hearing was a matter for the college governors but any disciplinary recommendation they made would have to be confirmed by the authority.

The charge against Mr Smith arises out of a lecture he gave in March to a group of seven students studying for the Higher National Certificate in mechanical engineering.

It was not his own class he was standing in for a lecturer who was off sick.

Mr Smith said: "The lecture lasted about an hour and three-quarters. Most of it was about stresses in thin-shell vessels. But I lecture in a free and easy way and after a while they started asking me about how one becomes professionally qualified."

"That led me to talk about standards and how standards change. I told them that words changed too and gave the example of 'mugging'. I said the only definition my dictionary gave of a mugger was a 'blunt-nosed Indian crocodile'."

"So we had a discussion about mugging. The Asian student asked if I thought mugging was done only by blacks. I said no but that the statistics showed it was a crime committed disproportionately by blacks."

"The Asian student said: 'That's a load of crap' and stalked out. Apparently he went to my head of department in tears and said he had been insulted."

In April, Mr Smith was summoned to County Hall, the headquarters of the education authority, and told by the inspector for discipline that an allegation of "serious racist behaviour" had been made against him.

His attention was drawn to two paragraphs in the authority's code of discipline. One says: "Any allegations against teachers of discrimination or racial or sexual harassment can be pursued as a complaint."

The second paragraph reads: "Racial or sexual harassment may for disciplinary purposes include remarks which are derogatory to a racial or ethnic group or to an individual on the basis of race or ethnicity."

Mr John Smith: accused of "racist behaviour"

Umbrellas up for a soggy week at Wimbledon

By a Staff Reporter Tennis fans planning to attend the opening day of Wimbledon today would be well advised to use public transport and to take an umbrella.

Torrential rain over the past week has turned the car parks into mud baths so the number of spaces will probably have to be reduced considerably, according to Mr Christopher Gorringer, chief executive of the All-England Club, and there are more showers on the way today.

In this torrential month, one of the wettest places in Britain has been Manchester with five inches of rainfall while even those among the driest, including Stornaway, Aldergrove and Tynemouth, have had about one-and-a-half inches.

The London Weather Centre has predicted a wet Monday likely to be followed by a wet week, so the best

hope for the crowds at Wimbledon and for cricket fans hoping to see the Test match at Lord's is for intermittent sessions of play.

The forecast shows cloudy, showery weather with occasional sunny spells for today and a similarly unsettled outlook for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

A cautious hope of more settled weather is held out for Friday and the weekend, but until then there is likely to be rain every day almost everywhere.

But it is not quite as bad as it may seem, as this is not the wettest, driest or coldest June on record - so far.

In Manchester, however, the five inches already recorded is only half an inch off the record June figure since records began there in 1942.

Temperatures and hours of sunshine are certainly below average, but not yet in the record-breaking league. In London, there has been an average of four hours sunshine per day so far, comparing badly with the normal June average of seven hours per day.

But the current low average would have to drop still further if the June, 1909 record of just 105 hours is to be beaten.

According to the London Weather Centre, the reason for the bad weather is the scarcity of spells of high pressure to counteract the steady stream of rain-bearing fronts coming in from the Atlantic.

Nobody has yet claimed responsibility for the sabotage, but detectives are believed to have been tipped-off that cottage cheese and yoghurt cartons had also been contaminated.

A police spokesman said: "The level of ground glass was sufficient to cause discomfort, but the level of parquat was cause for grave concern. It was quite strong."

Edinburgh police have appealed to all customers to return all similar products bought between June 15 and June 20 or to contact them at a special incident room on 031 553 3134. Shelves at the Edinburgh store have been cleared of stocks of the items, and stocks in supermarkets throughout the country were being examined before stores opened for business.

The Safeway national security alert had also been contaminated.

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Push for Labour voting change

3-D television sets could be on sale by the end of this year

By Robert Matthews

British electronics engineers have developed what they claim is the world's first commercial three-dimensional television system.

They say the first models could be on the market by the end of the year.

Three-dimensional television has long held a place in science fiction writers' vision of the future, but the technical difficulties of making and displaying pictures have delayed the development of a system simple enough to use at home.

Dr Max Robinson and colleagues at Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham, believe their system will offer the breakthrough — for about the price of a compact disc player.

Virtually no extra equipment is needed to turn a conventional television into a three-dimensional display unit, Dr Robinson said. Most of the innovative technology goes into the way pictures are recorded.

A special two-lens video camera has been developed at Trent which records images in 3-D by rapidly swapping from one lens to the other.

As with human eyes, it is the slight difference in the pictures recorded by them that gives the impression of depth when the images are played back.

The two sets are recorded on conventional video tape. Placed in a video tape player, they are then fed directly to a conventional television.

To view the images, a special pair of electronically-controlled glasses have been developed, with lenses made from a material that only becomes transparent when a tiny voltage is applied.

An electronic unit plugged into the video player ensures that when the image recorded by, say, the left-hand lens is on the television screen, only the left half of the glasses is clear, so only the left eye sees the image.

The switching between the images takes place so rapidly that the brain cannot detect any flicker.

The result, says Dr Robinson, is a sharp, startlingly realistic 3-D television image, in colour or black and white.

He has set up his own company, InDepth Systems, to market the technology, and has won £350,000 backing from a millionaire.

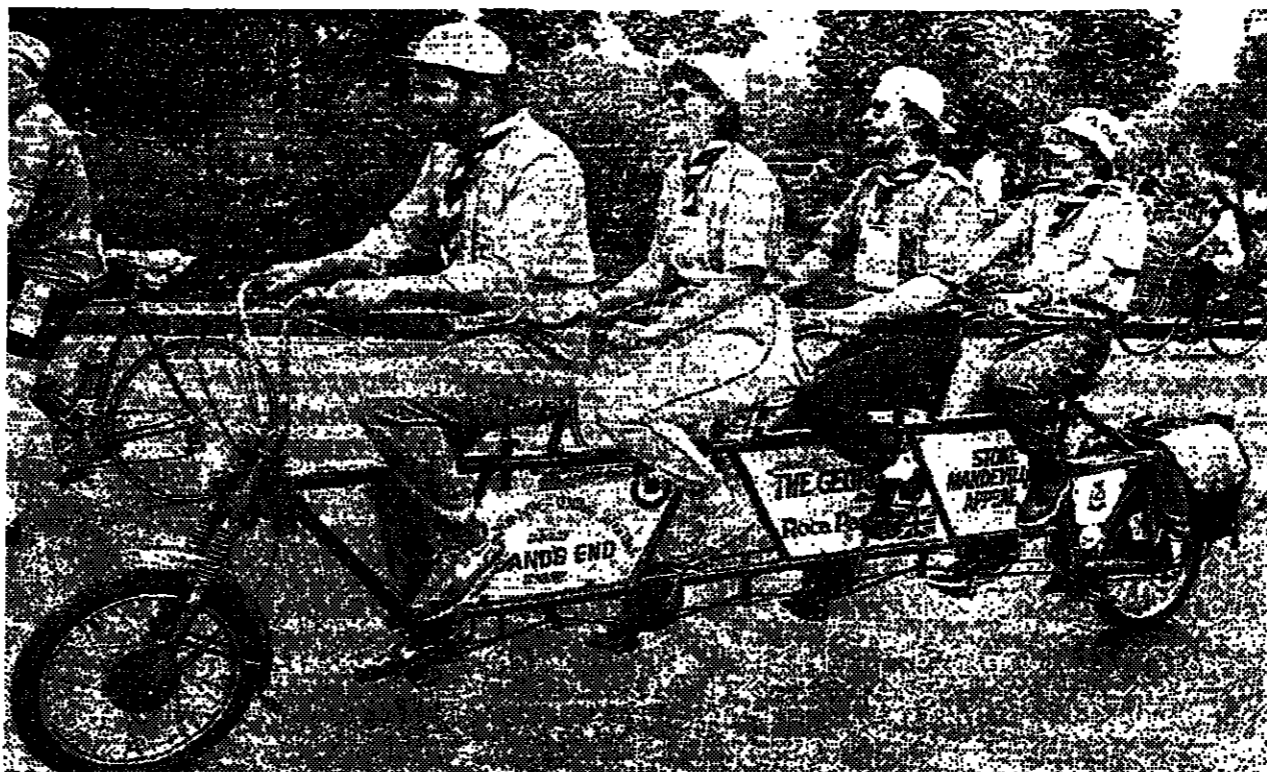
He plans to talk to independent film-makers about making 3-D videos of sports events and pop concerts.

Three-dimensional pictures may be spectacular, but the success of earlier attempts at commercial viability has been less so. The Nimble 3-D camera, launched in 1981, failed to take off commercially, as have 3-D cinema films.

The Trent team appears to have succeeded where many, including the Japanese, have failed.

Thorn-EMI is also working on a 3-D television system.

30,000 join world's biggest bike ride



Teamwork was the key for these Venture Scouts yesterday during the annual London to Brighton bicycle ride. From left, David Meador, Isobel and Mike Parr and John Higgins joined an estimated 30,000 cyclists on what organizers say is the world's biggest bicycle ride. It is expected to raise £650,000 for the British Heart Foundation (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Britain opposes animal hormone ban

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A black market in illegal animal growth promoters, with possible dangers to human health, is predicted if Britain loses its appeal in the European Court this week against a Common Market ban on hormone implants.

Despite widespread consumer support for the ban, the Government has decided to appeal because it believes it to be unenforceable and unnecessary.

Its view is supported by the veterinary profession, which maintains that the withdrawal period before slaughter, during which the use of both steroids and antibiotics is prohibited, is an adequate safeguard.

The National Farmers' Union also opposes the ban, but most farmers seem to have accepted that they must report public concern about food safety and give their customers what they want, even if this means lower prices because the animals are not as heavy as they might have been.

The farmers are also concerned that their produce will be put at a disadvantage against imports from countries which do not impose a ban.

The main obstacle to enforcing a ban is that hormones administered as growth promoters are indistinguishable in carcass tests from those which occur naturally.

Of equal relevance is the fear that the thriving black market, which has already developed in Belgium and will spread to other countries in the Community.

According to Dr Michael Debackere, head of the faculty of veterinary medicine at the University of Ghent, illegal drugs are being injected into animals, instead of being implanted, to avoid detection, leading to huge residues.

Danish bacon produced from English pigs will soon be on British breakfast tables. But the company involved in the "coals to Newcastle" deal

denies it will work against home producers.

The first consignment of 200 pigs, worth £150,000, left for Copenhagen at the weekend and further shipments are expected. In the first year, the Pig Improvement Company, an offshoot of the giant Dalgety concern, hopes to send 1,300 pigs for the Danes to turn into bacon, sausages and ham to sell back to Britain.

Mr Robin Richardson, the company's chief executive for Europe, said: "The Danes believe their pigs are the best in the world, but we think our specially bred Camborough stock is more durable and productive than theirs."

British breakthrough in screen technology

A British company is to launch a liquid crystal display (lcd) screen that will put this country ahead of the rest of the world after years of failing to fully exploit an invention first made here.

The company is due to reveal next month the prototype of a flat lcd screen based on technology that enables sharp pictures to be projected on a scale that has so far proved impossible to achieve using conventional liquid crystals.

Images as large as two A4 sheets of paper are envisaged from the screens, which will be less than an inch thick.

Even the Japanese have been unable to get such clarity from lcds more than a few inches across and this limitation has prevented flat screen

technology from reaching its full potential.

The company, Image Displays, of Harlow, Essex, set up jointly by STC, Electra and Conker Information Systems, now hopes to capture a substantial slice of the world market for flat screens, currently worth around £1 billion.

The new product is a development of pioneering work on lcds carried out at the Ministry of Defence's Royal Signals and Radar Establishment and Hull University in the early 1970s.

Mr John Freer, managing director, said one product being planned was a flat screen overhead projector, with plastic transparencies being replaced by the lcd screen.

Physical education

Sportsmen welcome A level

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

Leading figures in British sport were yesterday delighted that the Associated Examining Board is to introduce an A level General Certificate of Education examination in 1988 for physical education, which will include practical performance in sports and activities.

A specimen paper includes questions in two written sections on anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, psychology, analysis of skills and questions on contemporary issues. This will make up 70 per cent of the marks with the remaining 30 per cent coming from practical performances in one activity from athletics, gymnastics and swimming and in one game from badminton, basketball, hockey and tennis.

David Bedford, the former world record-holder at 10,000 metres and now secretary of the International Athletes Club, said: "It is a great idea. There is room for this kind of awareness. It will benefit

everyone. I hope it will make room for all sides of sport, including personal health, coaching and the administration of clubs and associations.

"British sport and physical fitness will benefit because if there is this academic awareness at the base."

Duncan Goodhew, the 1980 Olympic 100 metres breaststroke champion, said that while he was studying business management at North Carolina State University in the US he had to do two years of sport as part of his academic discipline.

But he said it was important that people were knowledgeable about their bodies and an A level course was one way to do this.

"I would like to see a compulsory O level course on the same lines. It is a perfectly respectable discipline. Much academic work is about analysis and an individual can apply this on a wide range of

subjects related to sport."

Dave Sexton, the technical director of the Football Association/General Motors National School at Lilleshall, where selected boys are being coached while continuing their studies at a local school, also welcomed the idea.

He said that the examination would further qualify youngsters for their futures and that professional footballers might be encouraged to take courses during their free afternoons.

Mr John Day, secretary general of the Associated Examining Board, said: "This A level is entirely comparable with any other A level subject and recognizes an element of the timetable common to most schools and colleges. Because of the innovative nature of the examination, new techniques of assessment are being developed for the practical skills component which is compulsory."

Airlines' worry on luggage

Airlines are to clamp down on passengers trying to take oversized or over-weight bags on to aircraft in the wake of growing international concern about cluttered cabins (Our Air Correspondent writes).

Civil Aviation Authority rules lay down that any hand luggage taken on to aircraft must be capable of being stowed either in the overhead lockers or in the space beneath the seats, but leave the airlines to interpret the ruling.

Airlines have reported passengers trying to take on board anything from tractor tyres to, on one occasion, a lavatory pan.

A handbag is almost always allowed as an extra piece, as are some very high value items such as paintings and small musical instruments, but concern is growing at the growing number of "hanging wardrobes" now being carried by many businessmen.

Airline staff are being told to be much tougher with passengers and force them to check in their larger-than-usual hand baggage.

Rape gang sought in Yorkshire

A gang who repeatedly raped a young mother at a West Yorkshire beauty spot was being hunted by police yesterday.

The woman, aged 29, was dragged from her car at Ilkley Moor after giving a lift to five men at Burley in Wharfedale on Friday night.

Det Insp Peter Windle, of the West Yorkshire police, who is leading the search, described the men as "evil and perverted".

"The woman was subjected to a horrendous experience. It was a disgusting and degrading attack", he said. The rape took place near the Cow and Calf Rocks.

The police appealed for one member of the gang, who was known to the woman and tried to prevent the attack, to come forward. He was described as aged 40, 6ft, with a brown mole beneath his right eye. The other men were aged in their thirties, with local accents.

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Transplant mother is doing well

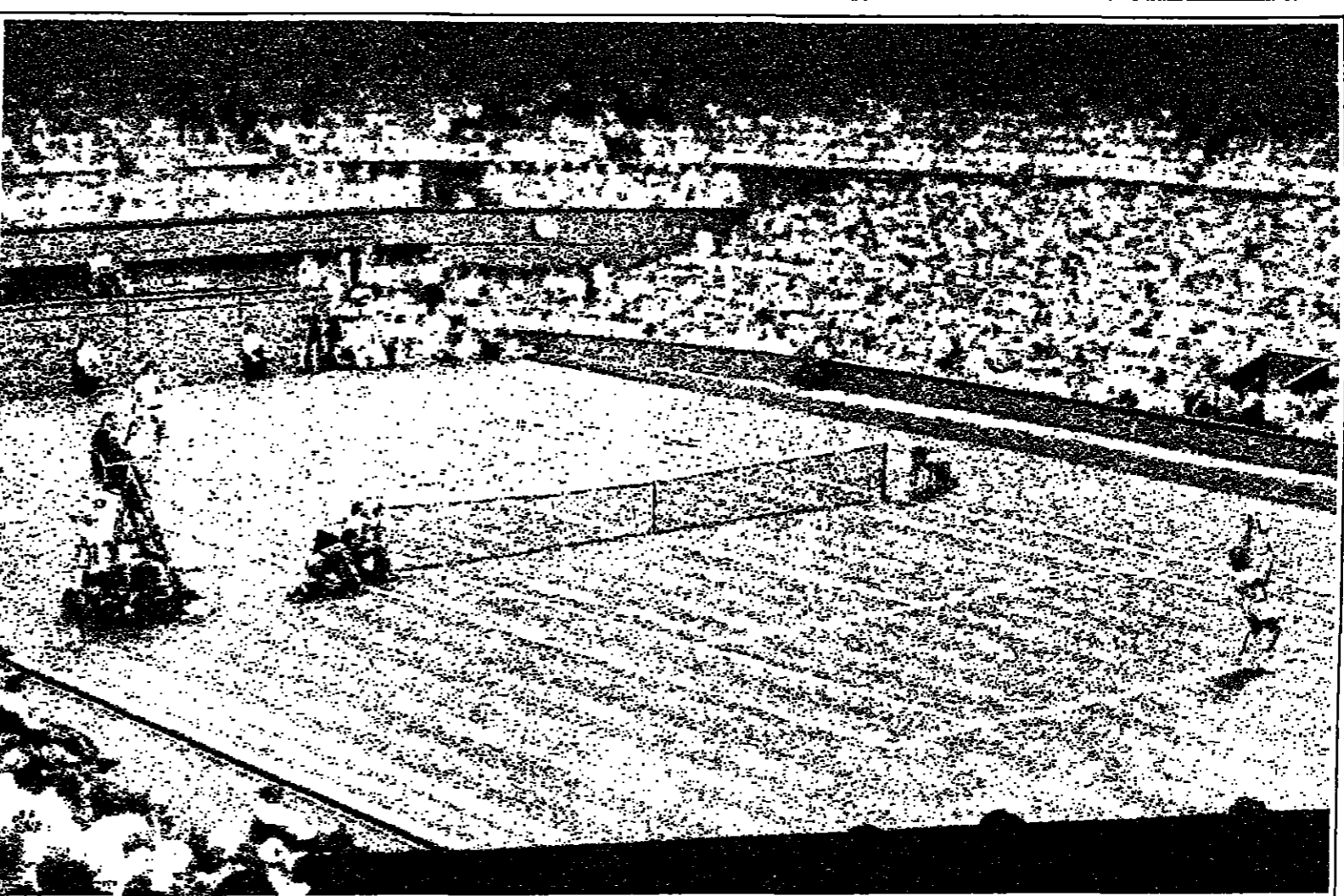
Surgeons who carried out Europe's first single lung transplant operation on a woman in Britain, said yesterday they were satisfied with her progress.

The woman, aged 44, who is married with one child, comes from Sunderland and underwent the five-hour operation at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, on Saturday.

The woman had been suffering from fibrosis, a progressive illness which reduces the elasticity in the lungs, making breathing difficult.

Dr John Wallwork, of Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, who performed the world's first heart, lung and liver transplant last December, said yesterday that the single-lung operation would benefit only a minority of patients.

Combined heart-lung transplants are usually carried out because patients are frequently suffering from disease to both organs, he said.



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Move to curb crooked car dealers

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Second-hand car dealers who "click" cars or sell unroadworthy vehicles are under attack from trading standards officers and motor trade chiefs who are calling for tougher controls.

The struggle to persuade car manufacturers to develop tamper-resistant odometers to reduce the problem of unscrupulous dealers turning back the mileage is judged to have failed. There is now a campaign to have a car's mileage recorded with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre (DVLC) in Swansea.

Mr David Gent, director general of the Motor Agents Association, said yesterday: "We are disappointed that it has not been possible to produce a British Standard for tamper-resistant odometers and manufacturers have not introduced them as a matter of course."

Trading standards officers and the association agree the solution is for owners to record their car's mileage on the form returned to the DVLC when it is sold. When buying a second-hand car the

public would then have access to this information through an independent database.

Trading standards officers will discuss at a national conference in Blackpool this week the findings of a recent survey which carried out checks on 193 cars on garage forecourts and found 153 were not roadworthy. Cars with MoT certificates were found to have faulty brakes, steering and lights. Officers want the power to inspect cars on forecourts without the presence of a police officer which is currently required.



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Seoul's ruling party may send in troops

Police take tougher line in fighting

From David Watts Seoul

Mr Roh Tae Woo, chairman of the ruling Democratic Justice Party, who has taken over all public handling of the political situation, met party members in caucus yesterday to try to find a way out of the Government's dilemma over continuing violent street demonstrations and is expected to announce his plans soon.

There were street demonstrations in both Seoul and Pusan again last night in spite of the Government's warning on Friday that it might be forced into an "extraordinary decision" if the unrest continued. Hundreds of people were arrested, according to reports from Pusan, as uniformed and plainclothes police took a more aggressive and violent line with demonstrators, using taekwondo kicks and punches to subdue young people often picked at random out of the crowd. Police are not only over-stretched but angry about the death of one of their number, who was run over by a bus commanded by demonstrators in Taejeon on Friday. There was more trouble outside the Catholic cathedral in Seoul after a weekend protest by Buddhist monks turned violent.

The Government finds itself sandwiched between the continuing unrest and American demands that Seoul's response be moderate. Friday's prime ministerial warning seemed aimed as much at the United States as at Koreans, to illustrate that stronger action is now being forced on the Government.

Any measures to contain the riots are likely to fall short of full martial law, but could include garrison law, which would allow the Government



South Korean demonstrators hurling stones at riot police in the port city of Pusan, a traditional centre of opposition.

to use troops to control the situation but not to suspend civil law. There has also been speculation that some form of referendum may be offered on the future form of Government, but this is unlikely to lead to change before next year's Olympics.

In one weekend incident in Pusan, a police bus was set ablaze. The orange flames lighting up the night sky illuminated the broad range of age and class among the demonstrators. The driver found himself stopped in a jam of buses when a young man jumped on board with a petrol bomb. The flames were already licking out of the windows when the driver jumped from the vehicle.

Following the first US warning to American travellers in South Korea since the end of the Korean War, probably linked to opposition threats,

American contacts will intensify this week with the arrival on Tuesday of Mr Gaston Sigur, the US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Mr Edwin Derwinski, the Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, is already in Seoul.

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The active minority of protesters in Pusan's population

of about four million has a special commitment to the anti-government movement - Mr Park Chong Chol, the student whose death at the hands of police investigators led to the unrest, came from Pusan.

Part of the protest campaign centres on the Catholic Centre above the harbour. For a week, students and workers have been demonstrating and shouting slogans from a balcony, waving a vast South Korean flag. While the Church's hierarchy is uneasy about the role it finds thrust upon it, the younger priests and lay people of the Justice and Peace Commission have no such qualms.

"We're at the end of our tether," said Father Park Seung Won, chairman of the

commission. "The time has come for the Church to stand up and speak out in order to back up the desires of the people. But as Church people, we're not in politics. Before I'm a priest, I'm a Korean, I'm a priest for the Korean people."

If the Government goes on merely talking about creating democracy, Father Park believes it will be seen as a smokescreen.

"The only way forward is through democratization... but if democracy comes about not through the Government but through these demonstrations the country will be in a state of crisis. The Government has to declare now they are for democracy, otherwise the whole thing is going to blow up."

Gurkhas' campaign erupts into violence

From Gavin Bell Delhi

Violence has broken out in the foothills of the Himalayas, where militant Gurkhas are campaigning for a separate ethnic state.

More than 1,000 paramilitary troops were flown to Darjeeling in West Bengal yesterday after at least a dozen government buildings were fire-bombed on Saturday at the start of a 13-day general strike called by the Gurkha National Liberation Front.

At the same time the Home Minister, Mr Buta Singh, invited the GNLF leader, Mr Subbash Ghising, to Delhi for urgent talks. Mr Ghising is regarded as a moderate.

The bomb attacks were also directed at police stations, road bridges and offices of the pro-Peking Communist Party (Marxist), which heads the ruling coalition in the state. The first casualties were reported when a tea estate came under fire yesterday. One Congress Party (I) worker was killed and another critically injured.

Mr Jyoti Basu, the state's Chief Minister, described the attacks as planned and well organized.

The Gurkhas, Indians of Nepalese descent, have been campaigning since May last year for a separate state and for Indian citizenship for hundreds of thousands of stateless Gurkhas from Nepal. More than 100 people have died in recurring violence since then.

About 650,000 of the estimated 2.1 million Gurkhas in India live in the tea-growing areas of Darjeeling. They say they are discriminated against in the Bengali-dominated state.

Amnesty reports hundreds of Tamils tortured

By Caroline Moorehead

Stories of the persistent harassment, torture and death of Tamil detainees, held on suspicion of involvement with armed groups, are continuing to come out of Sri Lanka.

The cases of more than 500 Tamils who have "disappeared" after arrests during the past 1½ years are being publicized today in a new report by Amnesty International.

The human rights group is concerned about the growing number of reports of torture during interrogation, apparently as a means of extracting confessions, and of arbitrary killings of those detained by the security forces.

Last September Amnesty published a report on 271 Tamil men and one woman who were reported to have "disappeared". Since then the whereabouts of only four have been revealed - two are being held in a prison camp, one is said to have been released, and one is dead, shot by the security forces. There is no news of the other 268.

Meanwhile, Amnesty has learnt of 247 other Tamils - most of them young men, but also a few elderly men, four women, and 10 children between the ages of 3 and 15 - who have gone missing after being seized in the Eastern Province by members of the Special Task Force commando unit. Almost all of the 217 cases listed include a sworn statement, often by an eye-witness, of their arrest.

There is also strong evidence of systematic torture, sometimes leading to death. Detainees are said to be hung by their thumbs and beaten with iron rods.

More than 3,000 Tamils are being held prisoner by the Sri

Lankan authorities, some 2,500 of them at Boosa army camp near Galle on the south coast. They are reported to arrive showing signs of injuries inflicted during torture, and once inside the camp they face further ill-treatment and humiliation.

Sanitary conditions are atrocious and detainees suffer from dysentery, diarrhoea, chicken pox, mumps and measles. Ninety per cent of them are said to have scabies. Worms, centipedes, maggots and weevils have been found in the food.

Since families often spend many months trying to trace missing relatives, Amnesty insists that its list of 519 "disappeared" Tamils is probably far from complete. The organization is appealing to President Jayewardene to act swiftly to set up an impartial and independent inquiry and to consider keeping a central register of arrested people and where they are being held.

COLOMBO: Thousands of tons of government food supplies have been sent to the northern Jaffna peninsula during the past few days ahead of India's first delivery of aid, planned to arrive on Wednesday (AFP reports).

India will launch its emergency food deliveries to the peninsula with a consignment of up to 400 tons. The Sri Lankan Government has dispatched thousands of tons of food and petroleum products to the peninsula since Thursday. India has alleged that many Jaffna Tamils are facing starvation in the aftermath of the Sri Lankan Government's biggest offensive at the end of May to capture areas held by Tamil guerrillas.

Waldheim meeting defended by Pope

From Roger Boyes Rome

The Pope, bewildered by the fierce criticism of his planned audience with Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Austrian President, defended his decision at the weekend, declaring himself to be a strong friend of the Jewish people.

The Pope is due to receive Dr Waldheim on Thursday and will thus break through the international isolation that has surrounded the Austrian President since his election a year ago. Dr Waldheim has been accused of participation in - or at least having knowledge of - Nazi war crimes in Yugoslavia. He denies the charges.

Jewish lobbyists have been particularly incensed by the Pope's decision. Leading rabbis in New York have called for a general boycott of the Pope's visit to the US in September. The Pope said he was

Australian ambulance flight ends in tragedy

Brisbane, Queensland (AP) - An air ambulance plane carrying a wounded woman to a hospital crashed shortly after take-off in heavy fog yesterday, killing her and three others on board. A fifth passenger, a doctor, survived suffering shock and burns.

Police said the plane took off on what was to have been a 200-mile emergency flight from Bundaberg Airport to a Brisbane hospital with a 45-year-old woman who had been shot in the stomach during a domestic incident. A nurse, an ambulance officer and the pilot also died.

Train sale Johannesburg (AFP) - South Africa's state-run transport authority is to sell off 355 steam locomotives at an auction expected to attract hundreds of local and foreign steam enthusiasts.

Fires out Peking (AFP) - Three fires that had devastated thousands of acres of virgin forest in Inner Mongolia in the past 10 days were extinguished yesterday.

Strike off Madrid - Doctors at Spanish state hospitals suspended their six-week strike at the weekend after the Minister of Health, Señor Julián García Vargas, agreed to discuss their grievances.

Deadly load Dhaka - Three people were crushed to death under the weight of pineapples when a lorry unloaded the fruits over workers in a juice extraction plant in southern Bangladesh.

Children die Bourdeaux, France (Reuter) - Five girls and a boy aged between two and seven died yesterday in this south-western town when fire gutted their bungalow.

Over the Wall West Berlin (Reuter) - Two young East Germans scaled the Berlin Wall at the weekend and crossed to the Western-controlled sector of the city.

MP killed Islamabad - A member of the provincial assembly of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province has been shot dead in an ambush near Swat, 100 miles from Islamabad.

Colonel shot Manila (Reuter) - Suspected communist assassins shot dead Lieutenant-Colonel Rene Enriquez of the Philippines Army while he was playing dominoes with a friend outside his home on Guimaras island.

Rape attempt Dhaka (Reuter) - At least 40 people were injured in clashes between students and police after a policeman deployed to stop cheating tried to rape a girl during college examinations.

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Compromise in Sharjah lifts threat to unity of Emirates

Dubai (Reuter) — A threat to the unity of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a big oil producer in the southern Gulf, apparently ended when the ruler of Sharjah was reinstated after a four-day power struggle with his brother.

Rulers of the six other Emirates making up the UAE agreed that Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad al-Qasbi was the lawful ruler of Sharjah and then decided to appoint his brother, Sheikh Abdul-Aziz, who announced a takeover last Wednesday, as Crown Prince.

The UAE newspapers praised the compromise for having ensured stability in the federation, a fragile union of semi-autonomous sheikhdoms which was formed in 1971 after the British withdrew from the Gulf.

Diplomats said the Supreme Council, comprising the rulers of the seven Emirates, seemed to have skillfully defused a potentially explosive situation by giving Sheikh Abdul-Aziz more power in Sharjah while rejecting his claim to leadership. But they said tension between the two brothers was likely to continue over the division of responsibilities, particularly in economic matters.

Sheikh Abdul-Aziz, a wealthy businessman, heads the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and has interests in local banks and companies. He accused Sheikh Sultan of economic mismanagement, and piling up debts of \$1.4 billion (£800 million), a figure

sources close to Sheikh Sultan put at \$880 million.

Officials say there is nothing in the UAE Constitution to prevent an emirate changing its ruler. According to Beduin tradition, the ruling family may pledge allegiance to a new leader if it feels the present one is unfit to rule.

But the diplomats said two factors increased the volatility of the Sharjah case — strong support for Sheikh Sultan by the neighbouring Emirate of Dubai and divisions within the Sharjah ruling family.

Many senior al-Qasbi sheikhs visited Sheikh Sultan at the Dubai guest palace where he was staying to express their support for him.

Sheikh Abdul-Aziz raised the spectre of armed conflict with Dubai and possible foreign intervention when he accused the Emirate of threatening to reinstate Sheikh Sultan by force.

As Sharjah's ties with Dubai warmed, those with Abu Dhabi, the biggest UAE Emirate, cooled over Sharjah's debts and demands for more political influence, diplomats said.

Abu Dhabi guaranteed a 1978 loan to Sharjah by the Paris-based Banque Arabe et Internationale d'Investissement (BAII) and reluctantly paid more than \$200 million of it, bankers said. Abu Dhabi made a final payment of \$9 million last month, they said.

Sharjah says it is owed 1.4 billion dirhams (\$381 million) by the Abu Dhabi-based Federal Government for unpaid gas deliveries.

Guerrilla fighters harry wall of rubble in disputed Sahara

For 12 years now a war for control of Western Sahara has been waged between Morocco and guerrillas of the Polisario Front. Susan MacDonald has been in the desert with Polisario and reports on a grim conflict which Europe knows little about.

There is a war going on in Western Sahara. It is not a question of skirmishes or even of occasional battles, but of daily bombings and attacks using the most sophisticated weaponry that can be bought from the main arms-producing countries.

The war is between Morocco and the Saharawi people, who have formed the Polisario movement. For the past five years it has been fought on and around a defensive wall built by the Moroccan Army to keep the Polisario Front out of Western Sahara and to protect its own troops from attack.

But the Saharawi people's fight for independence for their territory goes back to the early 1970s, when groups of

Polisario and the desert war Part 1

resistance fighters attacked Spanish forces in what was then Spanish West Africa.

In 1975, without consulting the Saharawi, Spain handed over its colony to Morocco and Mauritania, and both countries claimed territorial rights. The Saharawi could either flee invading Moroccan and Mauritanian forces, coming from both the north and south, or stay on their land under Moroccan occupation. (Mauritania pulled out of the conflict in 1979.)

There is a considerable difference between approaching the fortified wall from the Moroccan side and from the Polisario side. The Moroccans airlift you up to the wall in a display of military might; from the Polisario side you crawl on your belly through the desert sand, accompanied

by three or four Polisario fighters, to within 800 yards of the wall.

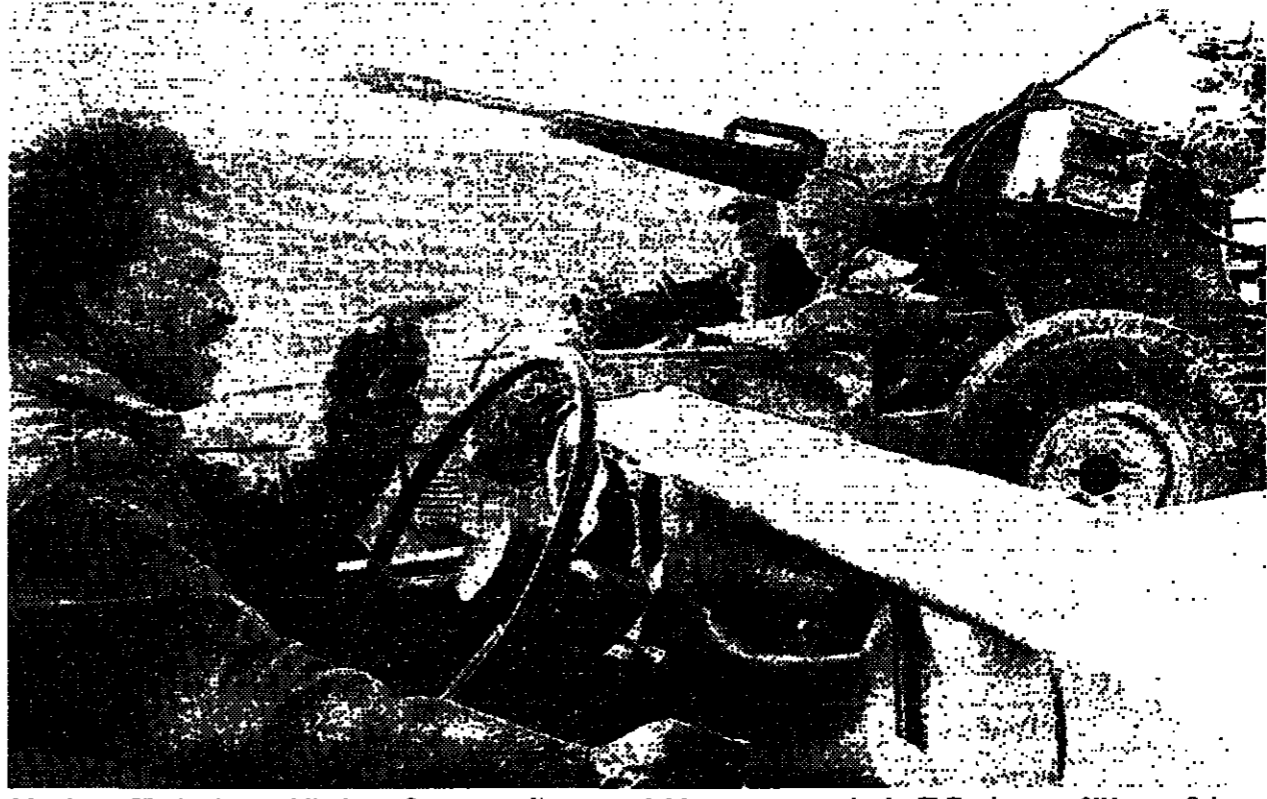
The full weight of the 200,000-strong Moroccan Army has been thrown into the Western Sahara conflict. It makes full use of heavy weaponry, including tanks, missiles, radar and, of course, its Air Force.

Polisario operates small mobile forces which also make use of advanced weapons but whose strength lies in being able to move quickly through a desert terrain they know well and mount morale-sapping attacks against Moroccan troops entrenched on the 1,500-mile wall. The Moroccan Army commander puts their number at between 1,800 and 5,000.

Mr Muhammad Abdelaziz, the President of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (a state in exile), talked figures for the first time when he said there were about 25,000 Polisario fighters — a not unreasonable figure given that every adult male in the 165,000 civilian population living in refugee camps in Algeria is a Polisario member.

The need for the wall points to previous Polisario military successes. Polisario studied the wall's secrets for four years before beginning to launch attacks. Now they have units stationed all along its length and they keep the Moroccans on a permanent state of alert with continuous bombings and invasions.

The wall itself is a low rubble structure designed to keep out Polisario tanks. Ahead of it is a mined area and in front of that barbed wire fencing. Polisario says its troops have learnt during night attacks to cut the barbed wire, pick up the mines and



Members of Polisario's mobile desert force preparing to attack Moroccan troops in the El Farsia area of Western Sahara.

place them behind the Moroccan lines. The display of captured heavy arms and vehicles and Moroccan prisoners attests to the Polisario's ability to penetrate several miles behind the wall.

It is fairly clear that the wall no longer acts as a defence for Moroccan troops. Muhammad Let-Ouali, the Polisario commander for the Farsia military region, said: "We

In a makeshift camp of blankets spread under hardy desert acacia trees, about 20 of the more senior troops sat. At the end of the meeting the camp packed into a couple of Land Rovers and we moved on. Mobility is all in Polisario desert warfare tactics. But, the night before, the ability of Moroccan radar to detect objects on the other side had been proved when Moroccan shells began falling around a Polisario Jeep from which I was watching a Polisario

bomb, they reinforce in expectation of a wall invasion, nothing happens, they disperse, we bomb again, they regroup again, still nothing — they become demoralized and then we attack. We have the initiative. We are not obliged to participate in any attack if we don't want to."

The question of prisoners sums up the whole sad situation.

President Abdelaziz said Polisario was holding about 2,000 Moroccans. Morocco does not recognize the Polisario Front and therefore refuses to conduct direct negotiations on prisoners. President Abdelaziz said Morocco was holding between 100 and 170 Polisario fighters, but when he talked about prisoners he was referring to the hundreds of Saharawi still living in Moroccan occupied

bombardment of the wall.

territory who have been imprisoned or have disappeared since the Moroccan invasion.

President Abdelaziz appears disillusioned that so little is known in Europe about the Western Sahara problem. He says his people are fighting for their land and for recognition. Both the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity have called for an independent referendum to allow the Saharawi people to determine their own future.

Included in this call are direct negotiations between Morocco and the Polisario to set up such a vote. It is these negotiations to which Morocco will not agree, while the Polisario will not agree to a referendum under present occupation conditions. Tomorrow: Life in the camps

Turkey's referendum

Islamic extremists raise army spectre

From Richard Owen, Istanbul

At the Haci Bayram mosque in Ankara, banned pamphlets containing statements by Ayatollah Khomeini are on sale, and the police monitor sermons for inflammatory remarks. Even more disturbing from the point of view of the Turkish Army, which intervened in 1980 to restore political stability to Turkey, the Turkish press revealed at the weekend the expulsion of 180 cadets from a military college for links with Islamic fundamentalism.

"The Army is genuinely reluctant to step in again," one diplomat said last week as the debate in Turkey over the restoration of democracy gathered pace. But some diplomats say there are Turkish officers who argue that, if the old turmoil returns, the Army will have a duty to intervene for the fourth time since 1960. Many see the main threat to Turkish stability now coming from a rising tide of Iran-inspired Muslim extremism, especially if it is combined with a return to the political

and most conservative part of the country, and offered himself as a saviour, vowing to oust Mr Ozal. Mr Demirel seems poised to return to politics, and could draw off some Muslim fundamentalist support. But his opponents accuse him of rent-a-crowd tactics and are quick to remind voters that it was he who presided over the pre-1980 shambles.

Mr Ozal remains energetic after recent heart surgery in America and has behind him four years of economic success, recently applauded by the IMF. But his Government is running into economic problems, with rising inflation and a growing national debt.

One main drawback of a failure to lift the ban on politics is that it would send the wrong signals to the West at a time when Turkey is pursuing membership of the European Community and seeking to prove that it is a fully European nation despite its Islamic heritage.

Turkish officials hope that a "yes" vote in the referendum would help Turkey towards acceptance by the Community as an evolving democracy. But the military remain deeply involved in Turkish politics and society, and will keep a watchful eye on the referendum in their self-appointed role as the guardians of the heritage of Kemal Ataturk, the revered founder of the modern secular Turkish state.

The generals were not pleased last week when Mr Hussein Moussavi, the Iranian Prime Minister, refused to visit Ataturk's mausoleum, as protocol requires, and went instead to the town of Konya, a fundamentalist Islamic centre. Some observers think that Mr Moussavi's main aim during his visit was to encourage the fundamentalists. During the visit, President Evren pointedly condemned Turkey's "3,000 to 5,000" anti-Ataturk fanatics, an apparent reference to Muslim extremists who have recently taken to defacing or smashing Ataturk busts "in the name of Allah". Turkish Muslims are Sunni, whereas Iranians are Shia.

Against this background, some Turkish officials say, the European Community should not hesitate over Turkey's application for EEC membership, put forward in April, but should bring it into the European family as soon as possible. Otherwise, they warn darkly, a Turkey snubbed by Europe could turn in on itself and even succumb to Islamic fanaticism. This, some add, could, if combined with a return to terrorism, economic chaos and civilian political incompetence, force the military to act as they did in 1960, 1970 and 1980 and keep up the 10-year coup cycle.

This is not an argument likely to cut much ice with Brussels, which is deliberately dragging out the process of Turkey's application. But the future of Turkey's fragile democracy vitally interests both Nato and the Community.



Mr Demirel: offers himself as a political saviour.

violence which prevailed before the 1980 coup.

Turkey is gearing up for a referendum in September on whether politicians banned after the 1980 coup should be allowed to operate freely again. By no means all Turks think that pre-coup politicians such as Mr Suleyman Demirel, unofficial head of the conservative True Path Party, or Mr Bulent Ecevit, of the divided Democratic Left Party — nominally run by his wife Rahsan — have learnt the lessons of Turkey's three military interventions.

The referendum result is very much in the balance. Mr Turgut Ozal, the present Prime Minister, whose Motherland Party was sanctioned by the generals, is almost openly urging a "no" vote so that his rule can continue. President Evren, who as General Evren led the 1980 intervention, wants the "voice of the people" to decide.

Few Turks take the country's current painful progress towards democracy for granted. Before 1980 Turkey was sliding towards chaos, with economic breakdown and bloodshed between gangs of left and right extremists as civilian politicians lost their grip in weak coalitions.

Last week Mr Demirel, who would probably gain most from a free election this year, made a triumphant tour of eastern Turkey, the poorest

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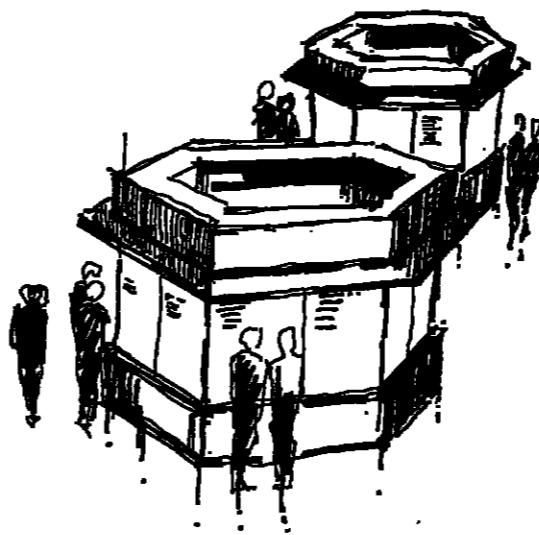
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Science report

Rare flowers staging a comeback on the farm

By Gareth How Davies

Many farmland flowers, almost wiped out by modern arable cultivation, may yet see a revival in special pesticide-free seed banks set up near intensively cropped fields.

As recently as 30 years ago it was considered one of our most serious weeds. Special adaptors were fitted to farm machinery to prevent it being harvested along with the crop.

Other uncommon species roused from dormancy, apparently by the withholding of chemicals, included dandelion-flowered fennel, Venus's looking-glass, night-flowering catchfly, and narrow-fruited corn-salad. A total of 206 species were found in the unsprayed arable headlands.

Botanists now believe some of the rarer species, which persist as dormant seeds in the soil, may re-appear given favourable conditions. But they fear this seed bank will be lost if it is not replenished naturally from flowering plants.

Although modern chemicals are thought to be the principal cause of the decline of arable weeds, other features of contemporary farming may also be involved.

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THE ARTS

Stirring sight

Glam Francophiles watching New Zealand's Captain Kirk kiss the first Rugby World Cup on World Cup Rugby (BBC1, Saturday, very early) may have consoled themselves with the thought that France's enterprise had carried them where no European team had boldly gone before.

TELEVISION

worked splendidly, both in terms of spectacle — most matches put the dour clogging of the home championship to shame — and also technically, with none of the idiosyncrasies of last summer's football World Cup coverage.

The eponymous presenter of Don't Miss War (Channel 4, Saturday, very late) is a bit too close for comfort — a blaring, hyperkinetic woman who at some time in her life has surely worked as a greeter in a restaurant patronized by thespians.

Yesterday's Theatre Night (BBC2) convened an eccentrically chosen cast to give Harold Pinter's The Birthday Party its first television outing since 1960.

It was not until Mr Pinter himself arrived with the late Colin Blakely that the luminous dialogue took off. The former's impersonation of an offensive weapon dipped in lard was a marvel ill-served by some leaden-footed camerawork.

Martin Cropper



Bernard Pivot: someone with whom the public can identify

'This worship of French culture is one of the great English weaknesses'

The history of book programmes on British television resembles an indecisive novelist's waste-paper basket. An approach is tried, abandoned and flung aside to be followed by another, then another...

For example, who now remembers Russell Harty's ill-fated It's All About Books on BBC2? Or what about Robert Robinson's The Book Programme, the main interest of which was the ever-changing stream of female co-presenters?

There are two theories about why British television has never come up with anything to match Apostrophe: one blames the television companies; the other blames the British people.

time each week. Book programmes always tend to get shifted about", he says.

Even the successful Read All About It suffered from time-shifts — and the differences in ratings could be enormous. That format, unquestionably the most successful yet devised, involved three critics choosing a book to review which both the others would read.

To some extent this discussion-led format was inherited by Book Four — produced by Bragg at London Weekend Television for Channel 4.

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Hamilton and edited by Nigel Williams — is the BBC's attempt to move away from the lit crit format of the discussion shows. Its subjects are dealt with in short, elaborately-made films, anchored by Hamilton and possessed of much of the expressive freedom of the films on the South Bank Show.

Williams himself veers more towards the theory that it is the British public which ruins the chances of television book shows — though he does not necessarily think this is a bad thing.

Yet stylistically there is no question that the French have an easier task. The idea of the highbrow book is central to middle-class life in France.

élitist. So book programmes suffer from identity crises from the moment of conception. Are we, producers will always ask themselves, to do Robbins or Beckett, or both?

But Matthew Evans, chairman of Faber & Faber, believes the one besetting sin of all book programmes is over-production.

"What they really need to do is a single presenter rip week by week. They should get completely away from this idea that the producer decides exactly how each programme is going to be.

Meanwhile books are now only regularly represented on television by Channel 4's five-minute review

Literary institution

The television book programme is an established success in France, but in Britain not so: Euan Cameron meets Bernard Pivot, producer of Apostrophe, and Bryan Appleyard investigates why we cannot seem to emulate him

Next Friday, as every Friday at 9.30 p.m. on French television's Antenne 2, Bernard Pivot will introduce his weekly book programme, Apostrophe.

Pivot, who is 52, mischievously humorous and immensely likeable, claims no special formula. He shrugs his shoulders, smiles, purses his lips and says he is not an intellectual, merely an intermediary, someone who is interested, passionément, in books, someone with whom the public is able to identify.

He is never rude or too familiar; instead, direct, slightly ironic and occasionally provocative. Even the most nervous are put at their ease.

Patrick Modiano, who is agonizingly shy and inarticulate to the point that he never finishes a sentence despite

being one of France's best-known novelists, agrees to appear on Apostrophe because Pivot manages to engage the viewers' sympathy and respect for his guests in a quite uncanon way.

Pivot remains cautious. "It is not true that any author appearing on Apostrophe will see his books sell immediately. Sometimes the subject or the author does not impress the viewers and their curiosity is not provoked.

Take William Boyd, who speaks French and who appeared on Apostrophe when An Ice Cream War was pub-

lished in translation: Pivot admired the novel greatly but felt that neither his own enthusiasm nor Boyd's presence was sufficient to impress the quality of the novel on viewers.

Only 10 such letters were received in the months that followed, but Ballantyne, the author's French publishers, who might normally expect to move 2,000-3,000 of a foreign novel, sold a reputed 80,000 copies — at least three times Boyd's British hardback sales.

Is he not fair game for the lures and wiles of every publisher in town? Pivot is adamant: "The choice of books is entirely my own. If I left it to a

reading committee they would want to impose their favourites on me. Instead of thinking of being a good diplomat... That's how bad programmes are made."

He has very few detractors, notable among them Régis Debray, who accused him of dictating the taste of the French reading public, a criticism he vehemently denies.

"Pivot sells", a publisher told me, "at least in 80 per cent of cases. If there's any hope for culture in this country, it lies with him and anyone else who attempts a show of this kind."

On the future Pivot is noncommittal. With French television going through a disruptive phase nothing can be certain, but equally nobody is going to interfere with Apostrophe or risk losing one of the best-liked faces in the land.

Primal puzzle

The trouble with sex is that it ignites all the powder-kegs of our existence. Do we have a primary urge to reproduce? If we do, then sex is its engine. No doubt at all we have emotions: sex fuels them, or they fuel it, or both.

RADIO

has been well expressed in Radio 4's 20th Century Sex (Tuesdays) which I found on my return from holiday just entering what might suitably be called its pleasurable climax.

I have heard four of the six parts of Peter Everett's splendid series — which I take to be a fair sampling — and each has turned up so many memorable moments there is no hope of quoting even a representative selection. At random, however, I shall retain a particular liking for the story of the woman who purveyed bondage and kept popping out into the bedroom to minister to her client — reportedly a senior Army man — while giving her proper attention to the more important business of afternoon tea and chat with a friend in the living-room.

This and much, much more was the product of what must have been some most persuasive and tenacious interviewing by Helen Boaden. In total its effect was to defy you to draw any conclusions, except perhaps that, when it comes to sex, whatever certainties we as individuals may cherish — and we all have our favourites — the scene as a whole is one of widespread confusion.

As 20th Century Sex ended, so there began a series on the figure held to bear a large responsibility for many of our current hang-ups: Queen Victoria, Richard Mullen's and James Munson's seven programmes, Victoria (Radio 4, Wednesdays, repeating Saturdays), start off with a peculiar and accidental poignancy since they were initiated by the late Alan Haydock and left uncompleted by him at his untimely death in April. Gillian Hush has finished them off in Manchester and has respected that clean, uncluttered style so typical of any Haydock programme in which words and voices are left to speak for themselves.

But Kepler by Robert Forrest (Radio 3, Friday) may have served to remind us that the closed, repressive mind was no Victorian monopoly. It has been around throughout recorded history. The play was in the form of a series of death-bed flashbacks with the great astronomer's rough sardonic soldier of a father, long since dead, set upon devaluing his son's achievement. But Kepler maintained the dream of harmony that had led him to the truth of things against the old man's narrow vision of "the real world, the only world" of the apparent. Yet in other respects the son was a child of his time and one interest of this imaginative, reflective play was to see how a man who has apprehended a shattering astronomical reality remained hobbled by the pervading ethos of his age.



Hermione Lee, able but not starchy slot, Book Choice. A critic, chosen regardless of his ability to perform on camera, delivers his view of a single book. I have only seen this work once, when Harold Pinter reviewed the poetry of George Barker. He took up most of his five minutes by reading one poem.

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OPERA

Kazars and bass John Kuether, and the orchestra was decisively controlled, if sometimes driven rather fast, by John Nelson.

The Carmen conductor was Richard Buckley, who was not having a happy time at the performance I heard. However, the more substantial problems had to do with Colin Graham's staging, and perhaps stemmed from his wish to make something of Don José's upbringing as a seminarian.

Nor was there much of the carnal in Emily Golden's Carmen. This was very nearly a repeat of her Scottish Opera performance, sung with a welcome directness, but without allure, and tending to flounce and pout.

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ALCINA/Carmen

respects this Saint Louis debut for Handel as an opera composer was a delight.

The cast was dominated by Juliana Gondek's mobile, musical and radiant Alcina and by Alice Baker's outstanding Ruggiero. Although her voice is utterly female, in its richness and address, Miss Baker can strike the note of luxurious eroticism in Handel's male soprano writing; she is a mezzo of serious feeling and musicality.

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ROCK

Never one to shy away from a little gratuitous symbolism, David Bowie's first formal outing since the Serious Moonlight tour of 1983 is christened the Glass Spider tour.

Before things got going, however, the giant facsimile of a spider that towered above the stage looked like nothing so much as a half-evicted barrage balloon held up by scaffolding. After some wobbling of the mandibles the creature disgorged first a troupe of dancers and then a red-suited Bowie who sat cross-legged in a harness, narrating the introductory story of Glass Spider from Never Let Me Down.

Never Let Me Down seems to have been written with the scale of a stadium tour in mind and, after the initial entrance and Carlos Alomar's neo-Yan Helen guitar introduction, the band slid into relaxed versions of "Day in Day out" and "Bang Bang" that reverberated comfortably in the blustery night air.

Bowie is undoubtedly one of Britain's major vocal stylists, but in recent years he has fallen prey to the Eric Clapton syndrome of tending to sound increasingly like the legion of acts who have copied him. This was particularly noticeable on a reading of "China Girl" and on a revamped "All

ALMEIDA FESTIVAL

One must congratulate the Almeida Festival and the BBC for their enterprise in relaying live to our television screens the second half of this homage to Hanns Eisler, the culmination of a study day devoted to the composer.

Throughout the concert the singer, the eminently personable composer H.K. Gruber, sang, if that is the right word, with concentrated expression. He managed to avoid blunting the sharp effect of Eisler's social observations, as seen through the eyes mainly of the poets Nestroy, Tucholsky and, of course, Brecht, by preferring comic satire to overt proselytizing.

Stephen Pettitt

David Wade

Biting satire

Gruber also conducted the combined forces of the Almeida Ensemble and the Ensemble "Die Reihe" in Eisler's second and third orchestral suites, punchy music at once approachable and original, taken from his scores for the pacifist film Niemandsland and for Kahle Wampe, a film about mass unemployment.

Elsewhere Kurt Schwertsik enthusiastically conducted, or Rainer Kenschig would play the piano, in both cases eminently stylishly. And, with songs touching on the subjects of inflation, the exploitation of the poor, the impersonal cruelties of war, the corruption of politicians and the outrages of racism, the concert demonstrated that, though Eisler eventually disdained contemporary musical idioms as practised by his own teachers, the same Schoenberg, his art has a message as pertinent today as it ever was.

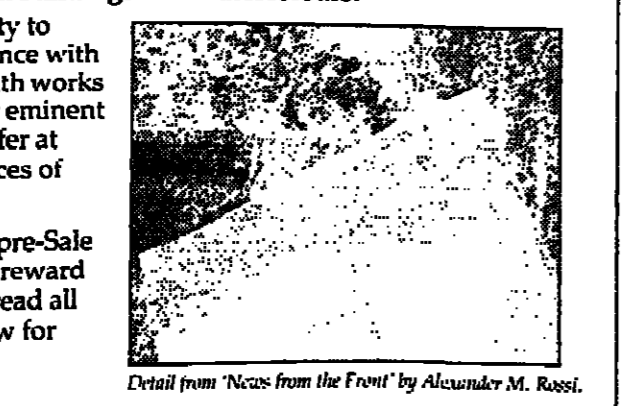
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They also serve who drive



Wimbledon fortnight begins today, which means the start of a logistical marathon for Pat Edwards (left), and the team of drivers charged with making sure that the star players get to the courts on time. Mary Watson reports

At 8am today a series of famous people will be picked up outside a number of plush hotels by a string of anonymous women, some of whom will probably lose their hearts, if only temporarily, to at least one of the men over the next fortnight.

All of which is perfectly legitimate and above board, being one of the less well-known rituals associated with the Wimbledon tennis tournament. As with other types of ritual, prayers have been offered up in advance: that no car shall have a puncture, that W1 and SW19; that no-one shall inherit a trait of the mercurial Iie Nastase, who tended to oversleep; and that delays caused by motorists scraping alongside to gawp at the stars shall be at a minimum.

Patricia Edwards, who has organized the drivers for 15 years, is in charge of avoiding such dramas; she also hopes the famous player who left his rackets back at the hotel last year will remember them this, thus avoiding a hair-raising trip back through the traffic.

"I said I couldn't see why the player couldn't use someone else's rackets, but everyone was appalled at the idea," she says.

Edwards will be at the nerve centre of the operation every day at

7.30am, with no hope of leaving again before midnight. Headquarters is a wooden-walled marquee near the centre court, lined with ruffled white fabric and swags of emerald green, with emerald chairs and carpet - a far cry from humble beginnings in 1972, using "a caravan and a cubbyhole."

She will send her 116 drivers, all but 20 of them women, back and forth like worker bees to the official tournament hotels, practice courts and other places all over London. Including a high proportion of the 600 players, they will chauffeur 1,000 people a day over the next fortnight.

Wearing white jackets, white skirts or trousers and white t-shirts they will work either of two eight-hour shifts up till midnight, will earn a minimum of £250 and have the fun of driving top stars - and even seeing some of the tennis.

Edwards takes it all calmly. With her ash-blond hair, huge grey eyes and stylish clothes she could be mistaken for a glamorous tennis wife or celebrity. Crowds often push forward when they spot her in an official car and then exclaim: "Oh, it's no one."

Her china doll appearance belies a toughness which commands respect among the young drivers.



Drive my star: three of the team ready for action, (from left) Gina Rivett, Emma Robson and Alison Dixon

"We'll be instantly dismissed if we let her down badly," one told me, and Edwards has indeed had to sack several drivers over the years. "One kept trying to finish early and another reversed into a car which demolished a wall and then went forward into another car."

"Their cargo is very precious and their job a responsible one. It's a PR job, too - they must sense when to chat and when to shut up, especially if a player has just lost a match."

"Yes," interjected one girl, "when one player lost he sobbed that his life was ruined and that he

wanted his mother. I gently tried to reassure him."

This year the drivers include students, housewives, models, air hostesses and secretaries. Alison Dixon, who was secretary to Princess Michael for two years, is doing her first Wimbledon. Several good drivers are secretaries but often Edwards finds that those who are used to a sedentary 9-5 job are not as good as those used to odd hours.

The men include a sculptor, a doctor, a dentist on annual leave and an Australian salesman who was a chauffeur at last year's tournament; he enjoyed it so much

that he has flown back specially.

"We're not after dolly birds," Edwards says, "but they have to look pleasant. Over 40, we look at them very closely indeed. Some are in their early fifties, but you'd never know."

"Applicants have a half hour interview and a three-quarters of an hour driving test, conducted by a school of motoring," says Edwards. "Many more failed the test this year, on one day all 14 applicants failed."

Emergencies usually involve either the players or the cars rather than the drivers, but one year a girl

was mugged as she was about to reverse. Two workers on a building site rescued her.

Players are said to be quiet before a match and subdued after it, if they lose. But the winners seldom brag. Drivers all say they are hoping they won't get a certain woman player who invariably says she is going to be sick. Top seeds Navratilova and Becker are unlikely to be passengers; the former, to the surprise of spectators, usually cycles in while Becker comes in his own car.

Everyone is hoping to drive Chris Evert or members of her family because they are always friendly, pleasant and giggly. "We are sorry McEnroe is not coming," says Edwards. "He has not been abusive to us, though many are. Just before going on court he would eat a colossal meal of steak, hamburgers and chips."

"Connors and Nastase used to enjoy egging on the teenyboppers but Connors has quietened down a lot."

The girls are allowed to accept dates with players. "They all look alike with their sunbans, highlighted hair and expensive casual clothes," said one. "But most of us have boyfriends and anyway the players are usually too exhausted. They get in the car and say, 'Where can I eat?'"

Edwards is less than happy that this year, for the first time, the slogan "Game for Anything" appears on the cars. It does not, she feels, convey the right impression.

"Wimbledon," she says candidly, "is something I dread, but it is enormously satisfying to see things running smoothly after five months of planning. And," adds the woman who for the next couple of weeks will be running the biggest pick-up operation in town, "it's where I met my husband..."

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TALKBACK Lucky for some?

From Sara Wood, South Hill Park Gdns, London NW3

How fortunate are the mothers in "Earning for Learning" (June 17) that they can choose to go to work to provide private education for their children, rather than food to keep them alive and a shelter over their heads.

How blessed the school in Brixton is in having a teacher "committed to the state system" who says her own above-average children "are better suited to private education." Clearly she is saying that comprehensive education fails the above-average child.

However, when neighbours request a modest hour's private tuition after school for their own children she refuses because "it impinges on the children too much." Having stated that bright children are insufficiently stretched in the state system, she then says they should not be stretched at all, even for an hour a week, at a price less well-heeled families can afford.

As a mother of four above-average, state-educated children, and as a state teacher, I regard such humbug as the root cause of destroying the opportunity of a decent education for all children, irrespective of their parents' joint income.

Design on the rails

As design chief at the British Railways Authority, Jane Priestman found herself

haunted by endless lost luggage stories if she owned up to her job at parties. Now that she has moved to British Rail, here she is director of Architecture, Design and Environment, she gets everyone's

complaints about everything. "Complaining about British Rail is a national sport - it's the weather," says Priestman, 56, whose appointment in November made her BR's

female director, as well as signalling a recognition that sign might be a good thing. Standing in the middle of London's Paddington Station, the scale of the problem she faces becomes clear. Burger

is croissant bars jostle for attention with a double-glazed stand and a bemused-looking statue of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. A man with

aning machine performs a ranean task on the muddy floor. And towering over it all is a network of ythene and scaffolding for roof, which is undergoing

urgent £5 million refit. With an airy sweep of her d, Jane Priestman resumes original arches, replaces muddy beige with white azzo - "that way you can if it's clean" - and

erects a two-storey glass pping mall. There's a tradition of using thing old that's hanging und, and that's really what trying to crack. In an nization the size of British l we have tremendous chasing power. We ought be able to use that to suade people to make ges to our standards, and w the rest away."

ventually, she hopes to be : to produce a standard

BR is getting there by design, says the woman in charge of the rail system's overall look

catalogue of everything from ticket kiosks to litter bins, to give a coherent look to stations up and down the country. Better co-ordinated regional livery colours are also a priority.

"Obviously, everybody wants the trains to run on time - but it's equally important to do the other," she says. "If the trains ran 100 per cent on time, and people had to walk

'Complaining about British Rail is a national sport - it's like the weather'

through evil looking stations, we'd still get complaints."

As the final arbiter of all things aesthetic, Jane Priestman's brief extends from whole stations to the choice of trees lining the 10,395-mile railway network. And she is the first to recognize the enormity of the task.

"We're starting with the 'cathedral' stations, like Paddington, Waterloo and Glasgow, because I think it's important to get the symbols of quality right," she says.

"But there's a lot that needs to be done very quickly."

On the environmental front, the emphasis is on the "before" and "after" of stations, screening unsightly areas if nothing else. Sculptures such as the iron horses galloping by the trackside in the Black Country have been encouraged by joint funding schemes, by which BR will provide half the cost of art works in selected areas. The latest such plan is for a 100-foot-tall brick man outside Leeds City station.

Priestman feels strongly that local initiatives should be encouraged, particularly in conservation, leaving BR to get on with the business of running trains. "A lot of redundant viaducts are being kept up just for a man and a dog to take a walk. Perhaps that shouldn't be our responsibility any more."

As one of the few top-ranking corporate design managers in Britain, Priestman is much in demand to sit on committees. Most recently, she chaired the environmental section of the BBC Design Awards, and had to suffer hearing Heathrow's Terminal Four - for which she was largely responsible - lambasted by Richard Rogers as the "tin shed of all tin sheds".

In her new job she will no doubt get as many brickbats as bouquets. But to those who complain that the 150-year-old railway system needs more than the odd facelift, she stresses that design - in its widest sense - is fundamental to efficiency. And she is confident that British Rail is getting there. By design.

Sally Dugan
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onder what the thinking behind the manufacture of ad. That women at work receive messages but get ssary information through uthic communication? women ought to stay at e and, if they refuse to do should be ignored on the e stationery?

PENNY PERRICK

case may be, and often is.

What sort of outfit still takes messages "For Mr...?" One imagines something very Dickensian with knarled wooden desks and white china inkwells, where men with tape measures around their scrawny necks bumble about producing mislin covers for keeping flies out of milk jugs or chintz linings for cabin trunks.

On days when I live in a muddle of what colleagues refer to kindly as "creative inefficiency" I feel the time can't be far off when my job is taken over by a computer, one that wouldn't forget a lunch appointment or cut off telephone callers by pressing the wrong button. Now, though, I have a new worry: that I could be replaced by a baboon.

I have just read a report on a five-year behavioural study, by

a Texan scientist, who put 60 baboons into an office environment. The Texan equivalent of the RSPCA must have been doing at the time because the baboons weren't spared any of the horrors of executive life and were even submitted to the typical business lunch, loaded with fat, cholesterol and salt.

It is not recorded whether brandy and cigars were forced down their throats. What happened was all too human. As the male baboons' lives got more stressful they indulged in sexual harassment and skinning off. Overstressed female baboons began to attack each other physically. This is rare among overstressed female humans - we go in for cruel teasing and the barbed remark.

Of course, there were some baboons who rose above it all. Showing grace under pressure, they remained friendly and courteous at all times - the Peregrine Worsthames and Melvyn Bragg of the animal kingdom. A lesson to all of us who become somewhat paranoid over message-pads which take no account of our presence at the office.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

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THEATRE LONDON

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Priestley's evergreen about gulls among the gentry.
Westminster Theatre, Palace Theatre, SW1 (01-834 0233).
Tues-Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 7.30-9.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS: The Business of Murder: Myfests Theatre (01-629 3038).
Cats: New London Theatre (01-405 0072).
Les Misérables: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909).

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: Robert and Elizabeth: British musical about the young poets of Wimpole Street.
Festival Theatre (0243 781312).
Winchester: Portraits: Interesting new William Douglas Home play with Keith Mitchell.

FILMS

Also on national release
Advance booking possible
CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15): Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents.



The T. S. Eliot estate did not exactly fall over itself to help Peter Acroyd when he was writing his biography of the poet six years ago.

first half and the whole of the "Four Quartets" after the interval. Of special interest are the fragments of his early "Sweeney" play, written later. "Wasteland" buffe can listen out for the line "The ivory men make company between us," which ought to come just after the Shakespearean Rag but was left out of the printed text by mistake.

OTHER EVENTS
ROYAL HIGHLAND SHOW: Scotland's biggest single public event, with competitions and judging of cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry.

ROCK

TAJ MAHAL: The welcome country/blues singer after eight years out of circulation. He picks up the threads of an unusually versatile career with his new release 701, a lively Hawaiian/soca concoction.

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A GHOST WALK - THE HAUNTED WEST END: meet Embankment tube, 7.30pm, 22.25.

THREE MEN AND A CRADLE

Winning French comedy about three children saddled with a baby, written and directed by Coline Serreau.

WHITE OF THE EYE

10 years after Dornon Seed, Donald Coleman returns to the director's chair with a thriller plot high with flashbacks, red herrings and stylistic intricacy.

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TELEVISION TOP 10

- National top ten television programmes in the week ending June 21
BBC 1
1. Jeopardy (Thurs) 18.25m
2. Eastenders (Tues) 9.15m
3. The 100 (Wed) 11.00m
4. News and Sport (Sat) 11.10m
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BBC2

- 2.02 Words and Pictures (r). 2.17 Now and Then. Access programme on local history includes glassmaking in Rotherham.

ITV/LONDON

- 6.15 TV-am presented by Caroline Righton and Mike Morris. News at 6.30 weather at 6.50.

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 The Late Late Show. Last in the present series of the chat and music show from Dublin.

Case of revived spirits



John Duttine, John Stride and Billie Whitelaw in the first episode of Imaginary Friends (on ITV, 9pm)

CHOICE

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Chris Pettit

Radio 1

MF (medium wave), Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1). 6.00 Adrian John 7.00 Miles.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave), Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1). 6.00 News followed by Film: Footsteps in the Dark (b/w 1941).

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsweek 6.30 Marshall Plan 7.00 News 7.25 Theatre Four News 7.30.

Radio 3

N.B. All programmes are on MW and VHF except Test Match Special, on MW only, from 10.55am to 6.30pm.



William Roache and son: Baby & Co (ITV, 12.30pm)

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Bob Peck: Shades of Blue, on Radio 4, 8.15pm. All I can say is: it's a good job for the Conservatives that Leigh Jackson's sour comedy.

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Owen urged to drop his opposition to merger idea

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr William Rodgers yesterday appealed to Dr David Owen to drop his opposition to a merger with the Liberal Party and predicted difficulties for the SDP leader in Parliament in heading a "rump" of only five MPs.

As the turmoil within the SDP and between the Alliance parties over the merger issue raged on, the prospect of an early ballot of the SDP's 60,000 members emerged as a possible means of stopping a permanent split between the two parties.

Members of both the pro and anti-merger factions are now considering the possibility of pushing for an immediate postal ballot to try to resolve the issue. But both hope it will support their case.

If the matter comes before the SDP's national committee today week, when the merger issue is next collectively discussed, there are bound to be massive differences over the questions to be put to members.

Mr Rodgers, Mr Roy Jenkins and other merger supporters would want to see SDP members to declare themselves on the principle of union.

However, Dr Owen and his supporters, led by Mr John Cartwright, the SDP chief whip, will argue that the membership needs to know more about what type of merger, or "democratic fusion", is proposed. But they also want the membership to

be clearly told that merger effectively means the winding up of the SDP.

They suggest that the membership could be asked whether they wanted their leaders to negotiate closer relations with the Liberals while retaining the identity of the SDP within the Alliance, or whether they wanted the SDP to be wound up.

Mr Rodgers' strong support for a merger yesterday left Dr Owen completely isolated from the other original members of the gang of four who founded the SDP; Mr Rodgers, Mrs Shirley Williams and Mr Jenkins.

In the most outspoken call for a merger from any of the SDP leaders, Mr Rodgers said of Dr Owen: "He has got huge talent. Far better to lend that talent to a good and substantial cause than simply to lead... a rump in the House of Commons which is loyal to him."

Mr Rodgers said that the dual leadership and two policy making bodies made no sense. He said the Alliance had not been under pressure in the election because it was not a serious challenger even to Labour as the alternative government.

He said that although Mr David Steel had set a "hot and rather irritating pace" on the merger issue, Dr Owen was not justified being cross with him. The issue was always bound to be on the agenda.

A new dawn for the Stonehenge Druids' ritual



The first rays of the sun touched Stonehenge at 3.47am yesterday to mark the return of the Summer Solstice ritual.

At the centre of the ring of stones, white-robed Druids prepared their sacred ceremony before about 500 guests and a small media army awaiting a possible repeat of the unruly scenes of the past few years when groups of hippies clashed with the police.

In the event, the only disruption to the solemnity of the proceedings came from a helicopter hired by English Heritage to take publicity photographs. It all but drowned out the ceremonial horns.

The convoy of hippies which had been heading, somewhat haphazardly, towards Stonehenge for the past week or more had

finally bedded down nearby in an area known as the Devil's Ditch.

About 50 Druids who took part in the ceremony appeared from an underpass leading from the Stonehenge car park in a silent, slow-moving procession towards the centre of the stones.

The elaborate ritual, which lasted for more than an hour, involved both male and female

Druids performing several smaller ceremonies on various parts of the site.

One Druid said later: "It was wonderful to be allowed back to the stones to perform the rite after the troubles of the past few years, but we hope fewer people will be chasing us around in future. It was a clear and beautiful sunrise and one of the best of recent years." (Photograph: Deniz McNeelance).

Spanish police hold 16 Britons in drugs swoop

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Police investigating an international drugs ring arrested five British citizens on the Costa del Sol yesterday, including Mr Brian Doran, who British police would like to question in connection with cocaine traffic in the UK.

The latest arrests brought the total of British citizens taken into police custody on the Costa del Sol over the weekend to at least 16.

The operator of a Marbella bar, Mr Andrew Taite, is among a group of 11 Britons due to appear before a judge in Malaga today following a swoop on a drug ring which allegedly shipped up 12 tons of hashish a year to Britain in customs-sealed "TIR" lorries.

About 100 policemen took part in the round-up on Friday, which also netted two Spaniards, a German woman and two others thought to be Dutch.

Police refused to release the names of those arrested because they feared this would hamper their search for two more suspects. Mr Taite's name was furnished by acquaintances.

Police seized one ton of hashish resin, estimated to have a street value of £4 million in the UK. They also confiscated a light aircraft, believed to have been used to smuggle drugs from Morocco to Spain's southern coast, and 12 motor vehicles, including a Rolls-Royce.

Police made simultaneous raids in Marbella, Benalmadena, Malaga and Almeria on Friday. They found secret basement storage rooms at the homes of some of the suspects in which drugs were stored.

Authorities in Malaga estimated that the ring was capable of shipping 12 tons of hashish or other drugs to Britain per year.

● PARIS: Four Britons are being held by French police in Brest following their arrest on Friday aboard a yacht off Finissterre (Susan MacDonald writes). A search of the yacht is understood to have revealed 761lbs of cannabis resin.

The yacht, named by police as the Southlaw, had left the Spanish port of Estepona and was bound for Jersey. According to French Customs officials its cargo had probably come from Morocco. Under French law suspects may be held for a maximum of four days before being charged.

Summer solstice passes peacefully as police keep hippies under control

By Howard Foster

Hippies, Druids and 400 Wiltshire police shared a relatively amicable summer solstice yesterday bringing the hope that Stonehenge may become an accessible mid-summer venue in 1988 after years of violence and mistrust.

Meanwhile at the pop festival at Pilton near Shepton Mallett, arrests for drug-related offences reached 235 last night. And there were violent scenes when a film crew accompanied by a local MP tried to film drug dealers at work.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Conservative MP for Wells, was with a crew from HTV during the filming, but as he left some 20 drug dealers surrounded the crew and demanded their film. When the crew refused they were attacked and a £25,000 video camera unit was destroyed.

Chief Superintendent Alan Coates, leading the police operation, which is using between 150 and 300 uniformed officers and an unknown number of plainclothes men, acknowledged that some drugs were openly on sale but pointed to the number of arrests carried out and said



Mr Heathcoat-Amory involved in incident

that policing methods were tailored to the way the drug dealers were working.

Despite more than 40 arrests for breaches of public order and the rescue of three young children when hippies outside the site tried to push through a barbed wire fence, the police and the custodians of Stonehenge, English Heritage, said that new guidelines on behaviour had finally been established.

But the key to the peaceful solstice has been the new

Public Order Act which gives the police powers to move people on from both public and private land. It is believed to have been the reason why the hard-core of the "Hippie Convoy" chose to remain on land near Orpington in Kent this year. In 1986 the 250 vehicle convoy rolled around the West Country moving on to private and public land, destroying crops and costing £300,000 in ratepayers' money as police made 250 arrests.

This year, after 9 days of dodging from the effects of the new Act around Wiltshire and Hampshire, the hippies finally settled on farm land at and Devil's Ditch, five miles from Stonehenge.

The land is privately owned but farmer Mr Henry Edmunds said that he was happy for them to stay provided they were gone by yesterday afternoon. By mid-afternoon almost all of the 600 original group there had left.

Saturday night brought the threat of violence as the hippies swelled in number from about 250 to about 600. When they were told they would not be allowed within two miles of Stonehenge for the solstice, a senior officer had to beat a hasty retreat as

stones and bottles were thrown at police vans in the area.

By late evening, police tactics changed and the hippies were told that they could walk to Stonehenge under supervision. As Druids and 500 invited guests stood among the Stones, the hippies were herded along the perimeter fence. Soon after sunrise some began to chant "Let us in" and rushed the fencing.

Crushed in the front were three young boys from Southampton who had come to watch the Solstice with their father, Daniel, James and Shane Kingston, aged 8, 10, and 12 were lifted to safety by Inspector Robert Sawyer.

Forty-three hippies were arrested for public order offences but all were later released without charge.

Wiltshire Chief Constable Mr Donald Smith said that, despite the drama, he was pleased with the peaceful nature of the Solstice operation.

The Chief Constable hopes that hippies in reasonable numbers may be allowed to approach the Stones in future by both English Heritage and the National Trust.

Lecturer accused

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peated and unwelcome comments, actions, suggestions or physical contact that are found objectionable and offensive or create an intimidating or unfavourable environment in any area of the education service.

The authority decided to refer Mr Smith's case to today's hearing by the college governors.

Mr Smith said: "They're trying to get a rope round my neck. Things have got to such a state in education that everybody walks in fear. Almost anything you say can be sexist or racist."

"But I'm not frightened. The trouble is, you can't fight

accusations of racism. They hold all the cards because they make the definitions: words mean what they want them to."

Mr Smith, who has been teaching at the college for seven years, admits he is a man of fixed and firmly held views.

He also admits to being a "political animal". He has twice emigrated from Britain to escape a Labour government. In 1973, he was chairman of the Worthing branch of the Mhoibay Club.

Between 1974 and 1979 Mr Smith worked for RTZ in Namibia and became a Fellow of the South African Institute of Mechanical Engineering.

Alert for poisoned food

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warning sticker on the carton and contacted police.

Mr Kingsley said only one item of contaminated cottage cheese and one of yoghurt remained to be found. He believed each would carry a warning label.

But police forces throughout the country have been alerted, and some have contacted local hospital casualty units to warn them to look out for patients showing unusual symptoms that could be linked to the sabotage.

The incident first came to light on Wednesday, when glass was discovered in a carton of coleslaw. A customer was slightly injured.

On Saturday, paraquat was discovered in grapefruit juice after a customer spotted a red

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,389

- ACROSS
- Way to speed in the middle of the road (8).
 - Scholar is married but there's a split (6).
 - Sworn to secrecy by GBS? (3,5,3,4).
 - Blue jumper possibly (7).
 - Shown up by Cynthia's reflections (7).
 - Refuse to travel in such a conveyance (4-4).
 - Defector from the band could be solo trumpeter (5).
 - Attack on Gibbon's ethics to some extent (5).
 - Exciting work (8).
 - Trappings from Algeria in order (7).
 - Keeper of dog given a rise (7).
 - Islands farm association for common benefit (8,7).
 - Former holy man appears very near the end (6).
 - Apprehended, having got money for property (8).
- DOWN
- Call, say, for a holiday (3,3).
 - Ingredient needed, we hear, with crackers to make cakes (9).
 - Send back to post office or council (2-5).
 - At that point, say it again for consolation (5).
 - Line which may be familiar to many travellers (7).
 - Perfect enunciation by a trader (5).
 - Driver of inflexible train (8).
 - In racism it represents a weapon (8).
 - Two turns seen by friend showing currently (8).
 - For some, an uninvited big head, declaimed Malvolio (9).
 - Sad end of term - our fun spoiled by student (8).
 - Gifts available from 27, free when name is entered (7).
 - Like a song composed by Cyril and Al (7).
 - Ragged about fish being eaten (6).
 - Note on dresser indicating Ray's return (5).
 - Class keep losing money (5).
- Concise Crossword, page 10

WEATHER

General situation: pressure will remain relatively low across the British Isles. Although the overall theme is an unsettled one, most northern and some eastern areas should see some dry and bright weather. The far South-west may remain cloudy with occasional rain for much of the day, and this area of rain will extend to much of England and Wales. Otherwise a few well-scattered outbreaks of showery rain are possible at almost any time during the day, but with some sunny spells developing as well. Winds generally light to moderate. Temperatures in most areas will be close to the late-June average. Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: continuing changeable.

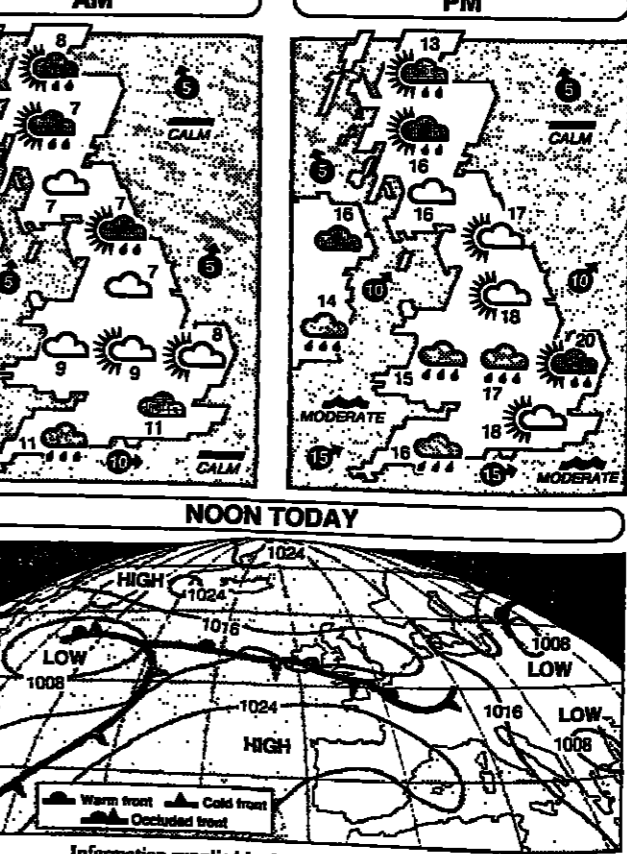
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USM REVIEW

Build-up in Property Trust keeps the market guessing

By Michael Clark

A casual glance at trading on the Unlisted Securities Market last week might have left investors with the impression that it was beset with property shares. They could have been right.

Property shares certainly seem to be the flavour of the month judging by the turnover seen in some stocks. Take for instance Property Trust, the loss-making property investment and development company that is a favourite with penny share followers.

According to Mr David Macnamara, at County Nat-West, the broker, "turnover has been huge". "I have had two people dealing full-time over several days just on Property Trust. Something is certainly going on," he said.

The speculators have been claiming that something is afoot at Property Trust for at least the past two years, ever since Mr Graeme Jackson reversed his USM-quoted London and Manchester Securities into Carlton Real Estate in 1984.

A year later London Securities launched an abortive bid for the group and ended up owning a sizeable chunk of the shares. Mr Jackson resigned from the board and London Securities remained the group's main shareholder. It has been an

eventful time for the group's beleaguered shareholders who have seen a number of potential suitors come and go.

In 1985, Mr Badru Virani, uncle of Mr Nazmu Virani, the successful hotel, brewing and property businessman, took control of the group. He bought a 10 per cent stake from London Securities with an option on a further 20 per cent. But attempts at a rescue failed and Mr Virani was forced to resign and sell his stake back to London Securities at a loss a few months later. A £2.3 million rights issue quickly followed, aimed at reducing the group's growing debts.

Then last year, Braemar Trust, part of the privately owned SSS Group, bought a 16.5 per cent stake in Property Trust from London Securities and the hopes of shareholders were rekindled. But again the affair was short-lived.

In September, the shares were suspended awaiting details of a proposed financial reconstruction. But a month later, Dr Gerald Smith, who joined the Property Trust board when Braemar bought its stake, was asked to resign without explanation and plans he had to inject assets into the group were abandoned. Braemar retained its stake but the reconstruction plans lay in



A display for Stanco Exhibition, Peter Friswell (from left), Barrie Smith, John Friswell, chairman, and Geoff Smith

tatters and another rights issue for £4.3 million came soon after.

What are not in short supply at Property Trust are shares in issue. At the last count, there were about 500 million. But last week's surge in demand made some impact, with the price edging towards its high. It finished the week 1.75p higher at 8p, but it must have left shareholders and dealers wondering what will happen next.

In the meantime, Marina Development Group, the boating and leisure company headed by Mr Robin Aisher, a former Olympic yachtsman, was again being chased higher. The price finished the week 66p up at 448p. The shares have risen 316p since a consortium led by Local London Group, the property developer, announced it was bidding 125p a share, valuing the group at almost £10 million. Mr Aisher has agreed to sell his 45 per cent stake to Local London. At these levels, the

group's stock market value is more than £33 million. Perhaps an announcement from the new owners is on the way?

The recovery is continuing apace at New England Properties with the share price ending the week 20p higher at a peak of 73p and that was after going ex-dividend.

On Thursday, the group, now controlled by Mr David Jackson and Mr John Hackman, announced it had bought a £5.2 million industrial building portfolio from Mr Jacob Rothschild, of merchant banking fame. To help finance the deal, Messrs Jackson and Hackman have issued 13.3 million shares at 40p. Dealers were hoping on Friday that the news of the Rothschild stake would generate renewed interest in the shares.

Also on Thursday, Rivlin, which has been transferred from a textiles and fabrics equipment group into a property company, launched an agreed bid for another USM property company. It is paying £28 million for Mayfair and City Properties.

Mayfair, which joined the USM three years ago, is controlled by Mr Sidney Corob who has pledged his 61 per cent of the shares. For the year to March 31, Mayfair lifted pretax profits from £771,000 to £918,000. The deal will increase Rivlin's assets from £22 million to about £60 million.

Trading starts later today in Stanco Exhibition Group, the exhibition contractor. Jacobson Townsley has placed 6.47 million shares at 20p where the group commands a price tag of £5.5 million. Last year, the group made pretax profits of £306,224 and is forecasting at least £500,000 for the current year to April 30.

Stanco was founded in 1962 by the parents of Mr John Friswell, the present chairman. It claims to be one of the leading independent contractors providing show schemes for exhibitions throughout Britain. Its list of annual and bi-annual exhibitions makes impressive reading and includes customers such as Associated Newspapers, the Chelsea Flower Show, National Boat Shows, British Toy and Hobby Fairs and the National Exhibition Centre.

Mr Friswell says the exhibition industry has grown from £106 million in 1980 to £192 million in 1985. Dealings also start tomorrow in Ross Consumer Electronics after a placing by Smith New Court, the broker, of 883,730 shares at 165p each valuing the company at £7.2 million.

GILT-EDGED

Dark clouds appear on the economic horizon

The strength of the gilt market over the last few months has been sustained by the hope that Mrs Thatcher would secure a third term in the general election. Confirmation of her win has lifted the threat of an alternative, more reflationary government into the 1990s.

But that apart, the question naturally arises as to what the gilt market has to look forward to.

Long gilt yields averaged just over 10 1/2 per cent in Mrs Thatcher's second term. As the chart shows, aside from the large rallies in early 1986 and early 1987, and the intervening reversal, gilt yields traded for the most part in the 10 per cent to 11 per cent range. Why, as Mrs Thatcher embarked on her third term, should gilt yields be so much lower?

1 Favourable fiscal position? Last week's PSBR figures were again excellent, showing a surplus of £374 million in May and, although it is early days yet, another undershoot of the annual target is on the cards.

The gilt market has, however, become preoccupied with the increased funding necessary to offset the recent foreign exchange intervention. These fears are exaggerated.

The requirement for gross gilt sales of about £1 billion to £1.2 billion a month could be reduced by a PSBR undershoot, and also by any tendency for the recent increase in Treasury bills to be absorbed by non-banks.

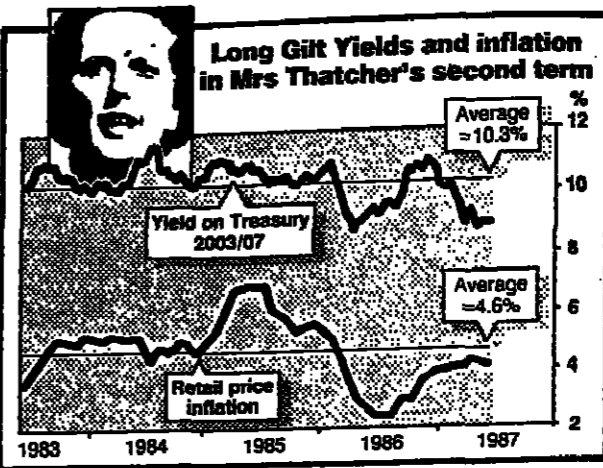
It is, in any case, only in line with recent years. Moreover, it could be met by a ready foreign demand.

2 Will foreign investors return to the market? Some of the post-election disappointment in the gilt market has been due to the fact that many foreign investors moved in before the election and were, like the domestic operators, looking to take some of the handsome profits they had made.

Perhaps even more important, however, was the coincidental rally in the dollar and the dollar bond market - which followed well-received US trade figures the day after the election. This has distracted attention from the gilt market.

In our view, the dollar revival will prove temporary, and renewed concern about the US trade deficit will prompt another downward lurch over the summer. The gilt market should be well placed to benefit, as long as foreign investors remain convinced of the economic merits of Britain.

3 Lower inflation? Inflation averaged 4 1/2 per



cent in the last Parliament. What are the prospects for the new Parliament? The near-term prospects are good - despite the last two disappointing RPI figures - and the Chancellor's budget forecast of 4 per cent for the fourth quarter was too high, as he has since admitted.

Furthermore, concern over earnings growth and bank lending is clearly overdone. Wage settlements are slightly down on last year. Earnings growth is being maintained by higher, productivity-backed, overtime payments.

The average increase in bank lending over the last three months of £2.1 billion was well down on the average of £2.6 billion for the previous three months and £2.8 billion for the past year.

Indeed, inflation looks likely to fall back to the 3 per cent level by the end of the year.

It does, however, look doubtful that such a level will prove sustainable. Much has been made of the need to tackle the problems of the inner cities, housing, health and education since the election, but little of the need for fresh resolve in the fight against inflation.

The underlying level of inflation is unlikely to fall much below 3 1/2 per cent.

Without a deceleration in wage inflation, the competitiveness of British producers will be progressively eroded. But is there an escape route?

4 A supply-side transformation of the British economy? There has been a remarkable swing in sentiment about the real economy in Britain. Late last year, there was general gloom, talk of sterling crisis (remember that?) and gilt yields of 11 per cent. This has given way to growing optimism, talk of an economic transformation and gilt yields of less than 9 per cent.

There are, however, warning clouds on the horizon. Much of the recent improvement in the monthly trade figures, lauded by supply-side

optimists, can be put down to other, temporary, factors.

The delayed effects of last year's fall in the pound - which improved the competitiveness of British producers and surprisingly sluggish domestic demand in the first quarter - which depressed imports - both served to lift the current account into surplus.

Similarly, much of the recent surge in productivity growth can be put down to purely cyclical reasons. This is not to say that there has been no underlying improvement in much of British industry - there has. But the improvement is unlikely to be enough to stop a growing slide into current account deficit over the next 18 months.

This provides a further argument for the British authorities holding off joining the exchange rate mechanism of the EMS, since that would deny them the option, exercised to such good effect in 1986, of letting sterling "take the strain". Allowing the pound to weaken would restore competitiveness and avert problems on the balance of payments.

Letting sterling take the strain could, of course, easily conflict with the objective of reducing inflation. It is this age-old dilemma which is likely to come back to haunt the gilt market and prevent the underlying level of long gilt yields in Mrs Thatcher's third term being much below 9 per cent.

Some, after last week's performance in the market, may regard this as an optimistic conclusion. The dollar lunge set to take another tumble over the next few months. The economic background to the gilt market means that it should be a winner in the ensuing international beauty contest for investors' funds.

Mark Cliffe and David Wileman
Capel-Cure Myers, ANZ Merchant Bank

Castle spins gold from old discs

Castle Communications, the small record company with big ambitions, is bigger than most people think.

Floated on the USM at 200p a share in mid-March, its shares went to an immediate 15p premium. They have increased steadily since to reach 265p on Friday, an increase of 9p on the week.

It is capitalized at about £8.5 million and is already the 28th largest record company in Britain, out of 650 registered throughout the country, after just four years' existence.

"I would like to take the company higher up that league table," says Mr Terry Shand, the chairman, aged 32, who

owns 25 per cent of the company based in Wandsworth, south London. "And I plan to go on to a full listing in a couple of years' time."

Castle is not at the sharp end of the sometimes glamorous world of records - it does not sign up artists of its own - so it has had a much lower profile than other record companies such as Virgin and Thora EMI.

Mr Shand says: "We are not in show business. We do not run the risk of investing in talent - we only invest our money in things that are already proven."

"We do deals with other record companies to repack-

age and market their back catalogue. Consequently, we take no downside risk."

Castle distributes its records under 10 labels, including "Collector" for rock bands, "Unforgettable" for middle-of-the-road artists such as Dionne Warwick, Jack Jones and Mantovani, "Deje" for heavy metal, "Dojo" for new wave and punk and a number of other labels for classical music.

The company, which has a staff of just 17 in Britain and six in Finland, has also gone into compact discs and has a thriving video division.

"We decided that distributing records was no longer

enough and so we went into videos," says Mr Shand.

"We buy the video rights for made-for-television and other low-cost movies and market them, through distributors, in Scandinavia (hence the office in Finland), France and Britain."

Castle's year finishes at the end of this month and Mr Shand says he is "quietly confident" about the profit forecasts he made at the time of the flotation.

He forecast profits of £720,000, from £6 million turnover, which will compare with £476,000 the previous year on a turnover of £3.9 million.

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Eventually, Plessey plans to employ up to 450 people across the two Plymouth sites.

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Devon, specialising in the manufacture of MOS ICs, was opened in 1975. Plessey integrated circuits are now marketed in more than forty countries, with exports 50 per cent of total output. Plessey Semiconductors won the Queen's Award for Export Achievement in 1986, its second award in five years. Its semiconductor sales are currently around £70m and expected to exceed £300m by the early 1990s.



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COMPANY NEWS

BOULTON & PAUL (subsidiary of BET): Year to March 31 (comparisons restated). With figures in £000: Turnover 94,961 (89,783). Pre-tax profit 12,666 (10,264). Extraordinary debit 2,745 (debit 1,972).
CREST NICHOLSON: Conditional agreement has been reached for the sale of Toolchange to H Young Holdings for £1.85 million. Toolchange is a distributor of tools and production aids, particularly to the electronics industry, selling primarily through a mail-order catalogue.
KLEINWORT CHARTER INVESTMENT TRUST: Six months to May 31. Interim dividend 0.875p (0.82p). With figures in £000: Total revenue 1,776 (1,708). Earnings per share 1.28p (1.16p). Based on estimates of income for the current year, the board intends at least to maintain the 6.7 per cent rate of dividend increase for the year.
TASK FORCE: An open offer of new ordinary shares is being made on behalf of the vendors of Bertram. Some 1.98 million out of 2.02 million new ordinary shares (the consideration for the purchase of Bertram) have been con-

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interim: Burns Anderson. Final: Borden International, James Cropper, Drummond Group, Estates and Agency Holdings, Oceana Development Investment Trust, Optometrics (USA), Schroder Money Funds, Volca, Whitecroft, Wyndham Group.
TOMORROW - Interim: Electronic Data Processing, Lee Group. Final: Brookmount, Brown & Jackson, Danae Investment Trust, Dwek Group, GEI Interna-

THIRD MARKET

Table with columns: Capitalization, Company, Price on Friday, Weekly Change. Lists various companies like Abnaco Group, Aberdeen Am Petrol, Allied Insurance, etc.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table with columns: Rate, Description, Value. Includes sections for BULLION (Gold, Silver), TREASURY BILLS (1 month, 3 month, 6 month), and LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS.

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Table with columns: Market rates, Market rates close, 1 month, 3 months. Lists rates for various currencies like N York, Montreal, Zurich, etc.

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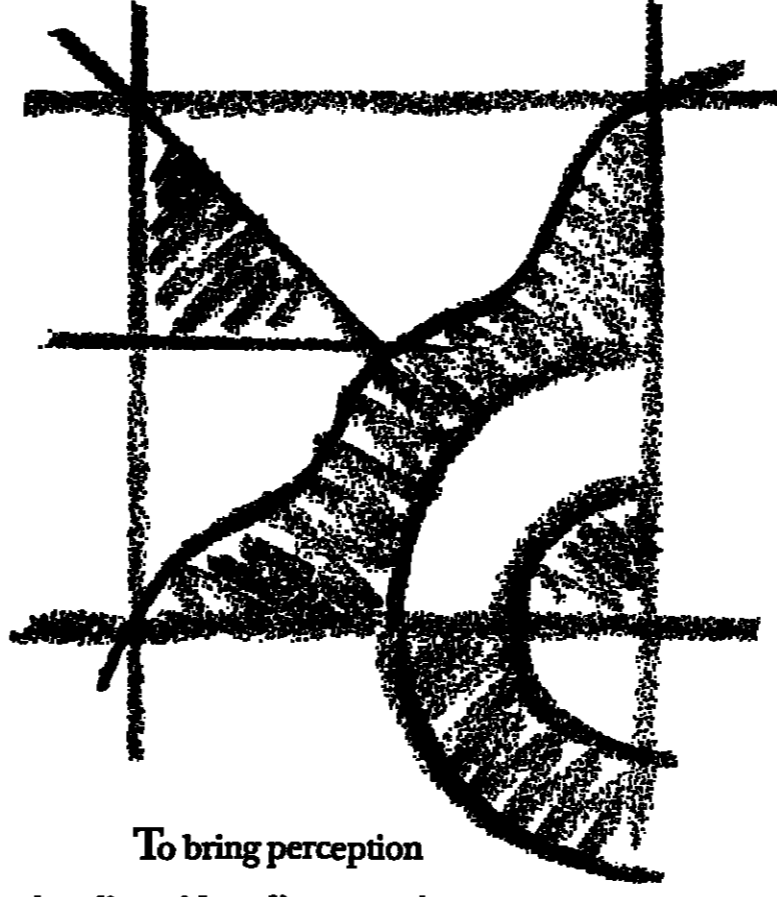
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The undersigned hereby announces that the General Meeting of Shareholders of Unilever N.V. held on 20 May 1987 resolved to alter the Articles of Association in that each of the Ordinary Shares of FL 20 nominal will be split into five Ordinary Shares of FL 4 nominal. As a result, the trust certificates (depository receipts) issued for Ordinary Shares by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- en Trustkantoor will be split accordingly.
As from 29 June 1987, therefore, the certificates for Ordinary Shares should be surrendered for conversion into new certificates for Ordinary Shares to the head offices of Amstelbank N.V., Pierson, Heiding & Pierson N.V., Algemeene Bank Nederland N.V. in Amsterdam and Rotterdam.
In the United Kingdom and Ireland, Midland Bank plc, Stock Exchange Services Department, Marine House, Peppys Street, London EC3N 4DA will be responsible for exchange of the "K" certificates but not the "CF" certificates.
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SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised £	Issued and now being issued fully paid £
9,813,091	2,688,039
in Ordinary shares of 5p each	

The Ordinary shares now being offered rank in full for all dividends and other distributions hereafter declared, made or paid on the Ordinary shares of Caradon plc.

As described in sub-paragraph 1(e) under "General information" in these Listing Particulars, there will be options outstanding to subscribe for 667,500 Ordinary shares following the Offer. As explained in paragraph 1 under "General information" in these Listing Particulars, the authorised and issued share capital of Caradon plc at the date of this document includes certain classes of share capital which will be redeemed, converted and/or acquired by Caradon plc (in accordance with the resolutions and/or agreements referred to in that paragraph) following the admission of the Ordinary shares of Caradon plc to the Official List and, except where the context otherwise requires, these Listing Particulars have been prepared on the basis that such admission, and consequently such redemption, conversion and acquisition, have taken place.

INDEBTEDNESS

The following table shows the indebtedness of Caradon plc and its subsidiaries at 5th June, 1987

Secured borrowings		£
15 per cent. loan from The General Electric Pension Trust	10,000,000	
Bank loans	15,000,000	
Overdrafts	169,623	
Debenture of subsidiary	190,976	
Unsecured borrowings		
12 per cent. subordinated unsecured loan stock	4,000,000	
Overdrafts	13,780	
Overdrafts	62,649	
Obligations under finance leases		
	29,437,028	
Cash at bank	1,945,320	

Caradon plc and its subsidiaries had contingent liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business amounting to £375,331 at 5th June, 1987.

Save as shown above, and apart from intra-group liabilities, neither Caradon plc nor any of its subsidiaries had at 5th June, 1987 any loan capital outstanding or created but unissued, term loans (whether guaranteed, unguaranteed, secured or unsecured) or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowing including bank overdrafts and liabilities under acceptances (other than normal trade bills) or acceptance credits, obligations under finance leases, hire purchase commitments, mortgages, charges, guarantees or material contingent liabilities.

As described under "Financial information" in these Listing Particulars, the net proceeds of the Offer will be applied, inter alia, in repaying the remaining balances of the 15 per cent. loan from The General Electric Pension Trust and the 12 per cent. subordinated unsecured loan stock and as to £12.0 million in reducing other borrowings.

DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE

Set out below are the divisions of Caradon, and their respective turnovers (excluding intra-group sales) in the year ended 29th March, 1987, as extracted from the Accountants' Report, together with the names of the principal subsidiaries within those divisions (and the names by which they will be referred to in these Listing Particulars).

Caradon plc			
Caradon Twyford's —bathroom products Caradon Twyford's Limited ("Twyford's") Caradon Curran Limited ("Curran") Caradon Storm Doors Limited ("Storm Doors")	Caradon Mira —showers and valves Caradon Mira Limited ("Mira") Triseve Boilers Limited ("Triseve")	Caradon Plastic Building Products Caradon Terrain Limited ("Terrain") Caradon Celuform Limited ("Celuform")	Caradon Plastics —Industrial plastic products Caradon Rolinx Limited ("Rolinx") Caradon Elliott Limited ("Elliott") Caradon L&P Limited ("L&P") Caradon Westwood Limited ("Westwood") Caradon British Optical Limited ("BOL")
	Turnover £m	Per cent of group total	
Caradon Twyford's	46.0	32.4	
Caradon Mira	29.0	20.4	
Caradon Plastic Building Products	36.0	25.3	
Caradon Plastics	31.1	21.9	
Total for the year ended 29th March, 1987	142.1	100.0	

Further details of the subsidiaries of the Company are set out in paragraph 2 under "General information" and the trading profit and records of the divisions are discussed under "Financial information" in these Listing Particulars.

DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

Antony Peverell Hichens* (Chairman)
Peter Johan Jansen† (Managing Director and Chief Executive)
Daniel Charles Cohen (Group Finance Director)
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Stephen William Curran*
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Caradon plc

(Registered in England under the Companies Act 1985 No. 1891545)

Offer by S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.

of 13,450,000 Ordinary shares of 5p each at 250p per share payable in full on application

Applications for the Ordinary shares now being offered must be received by 10.00 a.m. on 28th June, 1987.

Details of the share capital and indebtedness of Caradon plc are set out herein.



Twyford's Bathrooms

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

This summary should be read in conjunction with the full text of these Listing Particulars.

BUSINESS

Caradon is a United Kingdom manufacturer of branded products for the building industry, serving primarily the repair, maintenance and improvement sector. Its principal brands are Twyford's (baths and sanitaryware), Mira (showers), Terrain (plastic soil, waste and rainwater systems) and Celuform (plastic timber replacement systems). Twyford's, Mira, Terrain and Celuform are all among the market leaders in their respective activities. The Group's business also includes the manufacture of plastic mouldings for a wide range of applications.

Caradon was established in October, 1985 when the companies which form the Group were acquired from Reed International P.L.C. New senior management with experience in the building industry has been appointed and the Company has been implementing an extensive programme to revitalise Caradon's long established businesses.

TRADING RECORD

Financial years ended on or about 31st March	Turnover £m	Trading profit £m	Trading margin %
1983	97.6	9.3	9.5
1984	116.2	11.3	9.7
1985	119.1	7.0	5.9
1986	128.8	9.7	7.6
1987	142.1	16.1	11.3

The figures for turnover and trading profit before exceptional items have been extracted from the Accountants' Report.

OFFER STATISTICS

Offer price per Ordinary share	250p
Number of Ordinary shares of 5p each in issue after the Offer	53,760,660
Market capitalisation at the Offer price	£134.4 million
Earnings per share for the year ended 29th March, 1987	
♦ actual ⁽¹⁾	16.2p
♦ pro-forma ⁽²⁾	17.2p
Price/earnings multiples based on earnings per share for the year ended 29th March, 1987	
♦ actual	15.4 times
♦ pro-forma	14.5 times
Notional historic gross dividend yield based on notional net dividends per share of 6.0p ⁽²⁾	3.3 per cent.
Notional dividend cover based on net dividends per share of 6.0p and pro-forma earnings per share of 17.2p	2.9 times
Pro-forma net tangible assets per share ⁽²⁾	79.7p

(1) The base of calculation of actual earnings per share is set out in note 9 of the Accountants' Report. Fully diluted earnings per share for the year ended 29th March, 1987 would have been 15.9p.

(2) Pro-forma earnings per share and pro-forma net tangible assets per share have been calculated on the basis described under "Financial information" in these Listing Particulars. Fully diluted pro-forma earnings per share for the year ended 29th March, 1987 would have been 17.0p. The base of determination of notional dividends as described in the paragraph headed "Dividends" under that section.

PRINCIPAL DEFINITIONS

In these Listing Particulars, where the context permits, the expressions set out below bear the following meanings:—

"the Company"	Caradon plc
"Caradon" or "the Group"	the Company and all or any of its subsidiaries
"Ordinary shares"	Ordinary shares of 5p each in the Company
"the Offer"	the offer of Ordinary shares as described in these Listing Particulars
"the Acquisition"	the arrangements under which, inter alia, the companies which are now subsidiaries of Caradon plc (and also certain companies which have since been sold) were acquired by it in October, 1985.

PART I

INTRODUCTION

Caradon is a United Kingdom manufacturer of branded products for the building industry, serving primarily the repair, maintenance and improvement sector. Its principal brands are Twyford's (baths and sanitaryware), Mira (showers), Terrain (plastic soil, waste and rainwater systems) and Celuform (plastic timber replacement systems). Twyford's, Mira, Terrain and Celuform are all among the market leaders in their respective activities.

Caradon's business also includes the manufacture of plastic mouldings for a wide range of applications. It is one of the largest plastic trade moulding operations in the United Kingdom.

Caradon was established in October, 1985, when the companies which form the Group were acquired from Reed International P.L.C. ("Reed") under arrangements referred to in these Listing Particulars as the Acquisition.

MANAGEMENT

Caradon's non-executive Chairman, Antony Hichens, and its Managing Director and Chief Executive, Peter Jansen, joined Caradon in September, 1985. Antony Hichens was formerly Financial Director and Deputy Managing Director of Redland PLC and is currently a Managing Director of Consolidated Gold Fields PLC. Peter Jansen was previously a Director of Redland PLC, with responsibility for a number of its building materials businesses including the Chairmanship of its brick division.

Since the Acquisition, other Directors with wide experience in the building industry have joined the Board. Management of the operating subsidiaries has been reinforced as appropriate; however, the subsidiaries continue to operate largely through line managers who occupied senior positions in their companies before the Acquisition.

Following the Offer, and ignoring any Ordinary shares that they may acquire as employees of the Group under the Offer, Caradon's Directors and senior management will have beneficial interests in approximately 16 per cent. of its issued share capital. None of the Directors or senior managers is selling any shares in the Offer.

CARADON SINCE THE ACQUISITION

Since the Acquisition, Caradon has been implementing an extensive programme to revitalise its businesses.

- ♦ The Group's activities have been re-focused by concentrating on four divisions, disposing of certain non-core businesses and defining clear financial and business objectives throughout the Group.
- ♦ Management has been strengthened and incentive programmes have been introduced, based on achievement of defined targets.
- ♦ The businesses are being streamlined to reduce overhead costs and to improve operating efficiencies. Financial controls and reporting systems have been strengthened.
- ♦ Several of the Caradon companies have well-known brands and strong market positions. Marketing expenditures, aimed at enhancing customer awareness of the Group's brands, has been increased and now reflects defined marketing objectives.

Significant benefits have already been achieved through this programme and the Board expects that further benefits will be realised in future years.

HISTORY

The businesses which now form the Group were acquired by Reed at various times in the period 1950-1985.

CARADON TWYFORDS

Twyford's, which is based at four sites around Stoke-on-Trent, can trace its origins to the seventeenth century when Joshua Twyford first made pottery. By the end of the nineteenth century, Twyford's Limited was manufacturing washbasins and one piece pedestal closets, and exporting to America, Russia and Europe. Twyford's, which had been a public company since 1919, was acquired in 1971, and the acquisition two years later of Curran, which is based in Cardiff, added steel and acrylic baths to Twyford's range of sanitaryware. Twyford's is one of the leading manufacturers of bathroom products in the United Kingdom. Storm Doors, which manufactures steel doors, commenced trading in 1984.

CARADON MIRA

Mira, which manufactures shower fittings and valves, was founded in 1921 as a selling agency for industrial instruments and has been based in Cheltenham since the 1930s. It was one of the pioneers in introducing domestic showers in the United Kingdom in the early 1960s and was acquired in 1975. Its marketing subsidiaries were set up in Germany and France in 1966 and 1976 respectively. Triseve, which manufactures condensing gas central heating boilers, was acquired in 1985.

CARADON PLASTIC BUILDING PRODUCTS

Terrain, based in Aylesford, Kent, originated in the merger during the mid-1960s of three Reed companies which had been acquired at various times after 1950. They combined skills in the production of drainage systems using pitch fibre pipes with experience in the manufacture of plastic fittings and plastic soil, waste and rainwater systems. Celuform, which manufactures plastic timber replacement systems, has been owned since it commenced trading in 1973.

CARADON PLASTICS

L&P, which is based in Margate, was originally a manufacturer of plastic drain fittings. It makes small mouldings and was acquired in 1963. Westwood, which is based in Ramsgate, is a specialist manufacturer of moulding tools, and was acquired in 1973. Rolinx, which makes the division's largest mouldings, and is based in Banbury and Wythenshawe, Manchester, was acquired in 1983. Elliott, whose mouldings are used primarily in the electronics industry, is based in Walsall. Its business was acquired in 1983, as was that of BOL. BOL is based in Walsall and Perth, and manufactures glass lenses for industrial applications.

THE ACQUISITION

The Acquisition from Reed was organised by Candover Investments plc ("Candover") and the formation of the Caradon group dates from October, 1985.

The original investors in Caradon included Directors and managers of the Company and of its principal subsidiaries, and subsequently institutional investors, including Candover.

BUSINESS

The Group's strengths are its brands, a thorough understanding of its markets based upon continuing research into changing market needs, and its products, which aim to combine quality and value with efficiency in installation and use.

CARADON TWYFORDS

Caradon Twyford's is one of the leading United Kingdom manufacturers of bathroom products. Its range includes sanitaryware, baths, taps, shower enclosures and a range of accessories. Its total sales in the year ended 29th March, 1987 were £46.0 million, exports accounting for some £5.4 million.

In recent years, a rise in consumers' disposable incomes has coincided with a recognition of the possibilities for enhancing the value and style of the home by upgrading the bathroom. In parallel with this, there has been a trend towards multiple bathrooms. At the same time, in the non-residential building sector, which includes hotels and leisure facilities, there has been an increase in expenditure on refurbishment and renovation projects. Caradon Twyford's market position and broad product range enable it to benefit from these trends.

While the high-volume sector of the bathroom market remains important to Caradon Twyford's, it has been giving increasing emphasis to the mid-and higher-price sectors of the market. Since the Acquisition in October, 1985, Caradon Twyford's programme of consumer research and design development has been intensified. This has resulted in the production of a new range of co-ordinated designs and colours, developed in consultation with interior designers and presented in a new style of brochure and advertising.

Caradon Twyford's sales in the United Kingdom are primarily to builders' merchants and to factors who in turn sell to smaller merchants and retailers. The ultimate choice of product in the domestic housing market is made by consumers, developers or professional installers. A significant part of Caradon Twyford's turnover derives from the "institutional" market, which includes both private and public sector projects, and is based on specifications determined by professional specifiers such as architects, consultants and designers. Overseas sales are made primarily through appointed agents.

3. TRADING PROFIT

The analysis of trading profit by division is as follows:

Table showing trading profit by division for 52 weeks ended 31st March 1985, 1986, and 1987. Includes divisions like Caradon Twyford, Caradon Mira, etc.

4. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

The exceptional items arising in the period ended 31st March, 1986, comprise relocation costs of £840,000 and redundancy costs of £588,000.

5. NET INTEREST PAYABLE

The analysis of net interest payable since the Acquisition is as follows:

Table showing net interest payable components for 22 weeks ended 30th March 1986 and 52 weeks ended 29th March 1987.

Prior to the Acquisition no material interest charges were incurred as most of the RBP group's funding was provided on an interest free basis.

6. TAX

The analysis of the Group tax charge in the period since the Acquisition is as follows:

Table showing tax charges for 22 weeks ended 30th March 1986 and 52 weeks ended 29th March 1987.

The charges for tax for the period from 4th April, 1982 to 31st March, 1986 were affected by the tax position of Reed, which surrendered group relief for no consideration so as substantially to eliminate liabilities to United Kingdom corporation tax in the RBP group.

7. EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

The extraordinary item of £974,000 in the period ended 29th March, 1987 represents costs incurred in the early repayment of £7 million of Group borrowings and a change in banking arrangements (net of £66,000 tax relief).

8. DIVIDENDS

The analysis of dividends paid and accrued since the Acquisition is as follows:

Table showing dividend payments for 9 per cent. Cumulative Redeemable Preference shares and Convertible Cumulative Participating Preferred Ordinary shares.

No dividend has been paid on the Ordinary or 'B' Ordinary shares of the Company in issue since 23rd October, 1985.

The dividend payable on the Preferred Ordinary shares in respect of the period ended 29th March, 1987 is payable on 1st July, 1987 and is five per cent. of the consolidated Group profit before tax and extraordinary items.

Additional dividends will be payable on the Preference shares in respect of the period from 30th March, 1987 to 3rd July, 1987, being the date of their redemption.

9. EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE

Earnings of 16.2 pence per Ordinary share have been calculated on the basis of the profit after tax attributable to Ordinary shareholders before extraordinary items and after dividends on the Preference shares.

For the purposes of this computation, ordinary share capital has been taken as being 39,739,960 Ordinary shares, being the capital in issue after the changes in share capital referred to in notes 16(b), (c) and (d) but excluding any new shares to be issued in connection with the Offer and including shares issued during the period ended 29th March, 1987 on a weighted average basis.

Fully diluted earnings per Ordinary share calculated on the above basis would have been 15.9 pence.

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The analysis of tangible fixed assets at 29th March, 1987 is as follows:

Table showing cost or valuation, accumulated depreciation, and net book value for Land and buildings, Motor vehicles, etc.

The freehold properties were revalued as at 31st March, 1986 by Reed's professionally qualified surveyors at open market value for their existing use.

Assets with a net book value of £126,000 were held under finance leases as at 29th March, 1987.

11. STOCK

The analysis of stock is as follows:

Table showing stock components like Raw materials and consumables, Work in progress, etc.

12. DEBTORS

The analysis of debtors is as follows:

Table showing trade debtors, other debtors, and net realisable value of discontinued businesses.

13. CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

The analysis of creditors due within one year is as follows:

Table showing bank loans and overdrafts, trade creditors, other creditors, and obligations under finance leases.

14. CREDITORS DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The analysis of creditors due after more than one year is as follows:

Table showing 12 per cent. subordinated unsecured loan stock, Bank loans (secured), 15 per cent. General Electric Pension Trust loan, etc.

The repayment terms were as follows:

Table showing repayment terms for various creditors.

The bank loans, overdrafts and GEPT loan were secured by a composite guarantee and debenture over the assets of certain group companies by a fixed and floating charge.

15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

The analysis of provisions for liabilities and charges is as follows:

Table showing deferred tax, accelerated capital allowances, losses, etc.

There was a significant increase in the deferred tax provision at 31st March, 1986 due to the proposed sale by Reed of the RBP group.

16. SHARE CAPITAL

The analysis of share capital at 29th March, 1987 is as follows:

Table showing 9 per cent. Preference shares, Preferred Ordinary shares, and Ordinary shares.

Under the Company's Share Option Scheme there were options over 33,375 'B' Ordinary shares as at 29th March, 1987.

Each Ordinary share of £1 is being sub-divided into 20 Ordinary shares of 5p each.

The 'B' Ordinary shares are being converted into the same number of £1 Ordinary shares: (i) The £1 Ordinary shares of the Company are being converted into the same number of £1 Ordinary shares.

Following the Offer the Preference shares are required under the Articles of Association of the Company to be redeemed at a value equal to the amount paid up together with all accruals of the fixed dividend thereon.

17. SHARE PREMIUM

The analysis of share premium is as follows:

Table showing balance brought forward, premium arising on issue of shares, etc.

18. PRE-ACQUISITION SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES

Movements in profits and revenue reserves during the period prior to the Acquisition are as follows:

Table showing profit before interest, tax and extraordinary items, net interest, dividends, etc.

19. POST-ACQUISITION RESERVES

Movements in post-acquisition reserves are:

Table showing revenue reserves brought forward, retained profit, exchange differences, goodwill arising, etc.

(i) Retained profit for the 22 weeks ended 30th March, 1986 arises from:

Table showing profit before interest, tax and extraordinary items, net interest, tax, dividends.

(ii) Goodwill arising on the Acquisition derives from:

Table showing pre-acquisition share capital and reserves, revaluation of assets and liabilities, etc.

(iii) At 29th March, 1987 the Company had distributable reserves of £2,176,000.

20. COMMITMENTS

The Group had capital commitments as follows:

Table showing contracted but not contracted commitments for 1986 and 1987.

The annual commitment under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows:

Table showing operating lease commitments for 1986 and 1987.

21. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group had contingent liabilities arising in the ordinary course of business amounting to approximately £315,000 as at 29th March, 1987.

22. PENSIONS

The Group operates a contributory, defined benefit, final salary pension scheme covering the majority of its employees which is administered independently by trustees.

23. AUDIT REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st MARCH, 1986

The audit reports on the accounts of certain subsidiaries of RBP for the 52 weeks ended 31st March, 1986 contained qualifications arising from uncertainty having regard to their proposed sale by Reed in respect of either the continuing availability of adequate finance facilities or the adequacy of the provision for deferred taxation.

PART III

PREMISES

The Group's head office has been located at Caradon House, 30 St. John's Road, Woking, Surrey since January, 1987. Caradon House comprises a new leasehold office building of 3,760 square feet and is leased until 24th June, 2011 at a current annual rent of £48,000 to be reviewed on 28th June, 1992 and at the end of each subsequent five year period.

The following are the principal freehold and leasehold properties from which the Group's main operations are carried out:-

Table showing property details including Operating company, location and description, Area, and Tenure for various sites like Twyford, Lintley Lane, etc.

PART IV

SUMMARY OF INCENTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has established a Share Option Scheme, Profit Sharing Schemes (to be used for the purpose of the Matching Offer referred to in Part VI under 'Arrangements for employees') and, conditional upon listing of the Ordinary shares, a Savings-Related Share Option Scheme.

1. SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Caradon Share Option Scheme was established on 2nd May, 1986 and approved by the Inland Revenue on 16th June, 1986.

Options granted are for a period of ten years and entitle the holder to subscribe for Ordinary shares at a price determined by the Directors of the Company, being not less than the higher of (i) the middle market quotation at the date applications for the grant of options are invited and (ii) the nominal amount.

Options may normally only be exercised within 42 days of the announcement by the Company of its final or interim results for any year.

Options may normally only be exercised between the third and tenth anniversaries of the date of grant. Where an option holder's employment ceases on account of injury or disability, redundancy, pregnancy, retirement (including early retirement) or the disposal of the business or subsidiary in which the participant is employed, the options may be exercised within a limited period thereafter (including before the third anniversary of the date of grant).

2. SAVINGS-RELATED SHARE OPTION SCHEME

A Savings-Related Share Option Scheme will be submitted to the Inland Revenue for approval in accordance with the provisions of the Finance Act 1980. It is constituted by rules which provide for a 'Save-As-You-Earn Contract' with a building society to receive monthly contributions of not less than £10 (or such greater amount, not exceeding £150, as may be permitted by statute) and to use those savings to subscribe for Ordinary shares of the Company on the maturity of their SAYE Contract (five or seven years after they commence saving).

Each employee so joining would be entitled to apply for an option at a price per share (the 'Option Price') which would be fixed by the Directors of the Company, but which would be not less than the greater of (i) the nominal value per share and (ii) 90 per cent. of the middle market quotation of an Ordinary share immediately preceding the date of the invitation to apply for an option. Each option granted will be for over such number of Ordinary shares as have an aggregate Option Price not exceeding the total monthly contributions, plus the bonus payable on maturity, of the SAYE Contract.



7. EMPLOYEES

The following table shows the average number of employees of the Group in each of the last three financial years:-

Table with 3 columns: Year (1985, 1986, 1987) and rows for Caradon Tywford, Caradon Mira, Caradon Plastic Building Products, Caradon Classics, Head Office, and Total Group.

8. RESTRUCTURING OF LOANS

On 4th June, 1987 the Company entered into a conditional agreement, described in sub-paragraph 9(i) below, whereby in consideration of an irrevocable undertaking to repay all amounts outstanding under the term loan facility made available to the Company in connection with the Acquisition, the Trustees of The General Electric Pension Trust agreed to the release of the guarantees and charges granted as security for the purposes of such facility.

9. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

The following contracts, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into by the Company and its subsidiaries within the two years immediately preceding the date of this document, and are or may be, material:-

- (a) An agreement dated 23rd October, 1985 ("the Subscription Agreement") between the four institutions named in sub-paragraph 4(d) above together with The Scottish Eastern Investment Trust plc, Alliance Assurance Company Limited and Candover Investments plc ("the Subscribers")...

10. UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION

(a) The Directors have been advised that the Company is not following the Offer the Company will not be a close company as defined in the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

(b) Clearance has been obtained under Section 464 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 in respect of the arrangements described in this document.

11. GENERAL

(a) The financial information in respect of the Group for the five financial years ended 29th March, 1987 contained in this document does not constitute full accounts in respect of those years within the meaning of Section 254 of the Act.

- (i) none of the Directors and senior managers who are shareholders in the Company will dispose of the Ordinary shares he holds at the date of the agreement or may acquire in the Offer without the prior consent of Warburgs (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld); and

12. DOCUMENTS FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the offices of McKenna & Co., 77 Grosvenor Street, London EC2V 6EN, during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays excepted) up to 3rd July, 1987:-

- (a) the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;
- (b) the audited consolidated accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries for the 22 weeks ended 30th March, 1986, and the year ended 29th March, 1987;

PART VI

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

- 1. The contract resulting from each acceptance of an application relating to the Offer ("the Offer") of Ordinary shares of 50p each ("the Shares") will be conditional on the ordinary share capital of Caradon plc ("the Company") being admitted to the Official List of the Stock Exchange not later than 15th July, 1987 and on the Underwriting Agreement dated 19th June, 1987 relating to the Offer not being terminated before such admission.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES

Eligible employees of the Company and its subsidiaries ("the Group") are being offered the opportunity to apply for Ordinary shares in the Offer in accordance with the following special arrangements:-

- (a) the "Matching Offer" under which each employee who was employed by the Group on 31st March, 1987 contracted to work sixteen hours or more per week may apply for Ordinary shares with an aggregate value at the Offer price not exceeding £50, £100 or £150...

- (b) up to 10 per cent. of the Ordinary shares the subject of the Offer will in the first instance be made available to most applications from employees of the Group (including applications from eligible employees under the Matching Offer and shares acquired by the Trustees of the Profit Sharing Schemes as described in sub-paragraph (a) above), valid applications under the Profit Sharing Schemes will be made in full, other valid applications from applications under the Matching Offer will not be scaled...

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PART VII

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

The following notes should be read in conjunction with the Application Form.

- 1. Insert in Box 1 (in figures) the number of Ordinary shares for which you are applying. Applications must be for a minimum of 200 Ordinary shares or in one of the following multiples: for more than 200 shares, but not more than 1,000 shares, in a multiple of 200 shares; for more than 1,000 shares, but not more than 5,000 shares, in a multiple of 500 shares; for more than 5,000 shares, but not more than 10,000 shares, in a multiple of 1,000 shares; for more than 10,000 shares, but not more than 50,000 shares, in a multiple of 5,000 shares; for more than 50,000 shares, in a multiple of 10,000 shares.

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Power to review appeal board

Regina v Civil Service Appeal Board and Another, Ex parte Bance
Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Roch
[Judgment June 19]

The High Court had jurisdiction to entertain an application for judicial review of a decision of the Civil Service Appeal Board in respect of a civil servant's appeal to the board against his dismissal, since the board's jurisdiction to entertain and determine such an appeal involved an issue of public law.

Nevertheless, in the instant case, the court would not exercise its discretion to grant relief because the applicant had a sufficient opportunity for redress, if indeed he had been wronged, in proceedings which had started before the industrial tribunal and in further High Court proceedings he had commenced to enforce an alleged compromise of those industrial tribunal proceedings.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in the above-mentioned judgment, which it dismissed the application for judicial review of Mr Vaughan Maurice Snyott Bruce of the decision of the board on January 8, 1986, that the decision of the Inland Revenue to terminate the appointment of the applicant was fair.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the applicant was aggrieved by a letter of appointment, dated November 10, 1982, as an established executive officer in the Inland Revenue's Enforcement Office at Worthing. The letter told the applicant that details of his services' conditions of service were contained in the Inland Revenue's staff handbook.

Further, a schedule attached to the letter provided in effect that the Crown had the right to change its employees' conditions of service at any time because of the Crown's constitutional position, and that civil servants held their appointments at the Crown's pleasure; thus, no method of notice could be demanded or of right whenever an appointment was terminated.

After due trial the applicant was unfortunately not considered satisfactory for the post and his appointment was terminated by letter with effect from September 14, 1985.

The board heard the applicant's appeal against his dismissal and concluded that it was fair "having considered very carefully the written statements and oral submissions made".

His Lordship set out the relevant provisions of the civil service pay and conditions of service code, promulgated by the Minister for the Civil Service pursuant to powers given by the Civil Service Order in Council 1982, and said that, in

summary, the board was given jurisdiction by the code to hear appeals by civil servants against notices of intention to dismiss, against proposals for a transfer to withhold superannuation benefits on conviction of specific offences and against refusals by a department to grant a civil servant permission to undertake certain political activities.

Whether the board's decision to dismiss the applicant's appeal could be challenged in the High Court would only arise if there was a public or administrative element in the board's jurisdiction to hear and determine such an appeal; the test was relatively simple to state but by no means easy to apply.

His Lordship rejected the contention that the board's decision was amenable to judicial review because its powers derived from the exercise by the Crown of the prerogative of appointment. His Lordship rejected the contention that the board's decision was amenable to judicial review for that reason alone amenable to judicial review.

A material, but by no means decisive consideration, might be whether the applicant had in law a contract of service with the Crown: no authority decided of the question was shown to the court.

The Crown always had power under the prerogative to terminate the service of any of its servants at will and at any time, *The Queen (1986) 1 QB 116*, and, consequently, since the Crown could not fetter or restrict its prerogative powers, *Reedley v Pigeon (1985) 1 All ER 607*, the Crown could not enter into a contract of employment with its servants.

Further, an agreement which could at least be determined by one party, it could not be a contract because it did not create rights and obligations enforceable in the Courts of England and Wales.

In the confused and uncertain state of the law, the court submitted that there should be recourse to first principles; in the present case, there was clearly offer and acceptance of the post, and the necessary contractual element of consideration was present. The critical question was whether there was an intent to create legal relations.

Mr Lester argued there was not, relying on provisions in the code and those in the applicant's letter of appointment; Mr Laws said that the health authority had been negligent by the consultant gynaecologist, Mr John Woolf, in failing to warn the plaintiff that a sterilization method was subject to a small possibility of failure.

capable of being understood as an assurance of success.

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No ban giving unfair advantage

Nationwide Building Society v Nationwide Estate Agents Ltd and Another
Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor
[Judgment June 18]

The court would not allow a plaintiff in a passing-off action to obtain an unfair commercial advantage over a competitor in a specific commercial field by the use of an interlocking injunction despite the fact that it had established an arguable case and that damages at trial would be an inadequate remedy where the interest in the trademark was seeking to protect was not its existing goodwill but some other interest.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division dismissing two motions by the plaintiff Nationwide Building Society, seeking, *inter alia*, an interlocking injunction against Nationwide Estate Agents Ltd and Michael John Allen to restrain both defendants from using or advertising or displaying or promoting the name and style "Nationwide" or any colourable imitation thereof in or in connection with the provision of estate agency, mortgage, broking or other ancillary services not provided or approved by the plaintiffs.

Mr Charles Gray, QC and Mr Andrew Monson for the plaintiff building society; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC and Mr Stephen Nathan for the defendant estate agent.

off action was not trying to protect existing goodwill in an existing form of estate agency business but seeking to prevent case and that damages at trial would not be an adequate remedy to either side because of the difficulties of quantification.

In those circumstances he would normally have granted the interlocking injunction but for the effect of such an order would just have been to postpone the launch of the defendant's business under the "Nationwide" name, not totally to inhibit it.

But because of the strange feature of the case that neither party had any real goodwill in the estate agency business under the name the Lordship would not grant the injunction unless the plaintiff also gave an undertaking not to use the name "Nationwide" in its estate agency business pending the trial.

His Lordship found the inference irresistible that the application for an injunction was designed to tie down one of the two competitors to the starting point while the other got more than a head start.

No one could stop the society using its own name for its new estate agency venture but that did not mean it could use the courts to get a commercial monopoly pending the full trial. Seeking to acquire the exclusive goodwill in the estate agency field in that way amounted to unfair commercial competition.

Since the building society declined to give an undertaking not to use "Nationwide" in its estate agency business until trial its motion would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Church Adam Tatham & Co; Walters Fladgate.

There were some 200 companies in existence which used the word "nationwide" in their trade names, but none was in the field of house purchase and mortgage except the parties to the action.

Whereas his Lordship was not satisfied that any party could have a monopoly on the word "nationwide" in all fields of activity he thought it was probable that a party could in connection with house purchase.

Although estate agency and lending money or mortgages were wholly different functions they were both related to buying and selling houses and in the eyes of the general public the use of the word "Nationwide" by both parties was likely to lead to confusion.

There was evidence of the confusion in the form of a Mori poll, misdirected letters and telephone calls and nine specific inquiries from members of the public as to whether the two businesses were connected.

The building society said its reputation and good name were put at risk if someone used its name in connection with buying and selling houses.

There was in fact a concrete example of a newspaper article in Bristol accusing a person connected with the defendant's business of being involved in large scale mortgage fraud. Given the risk of confusion in the public mind it was difficult to imagine anything more prej-

supplies in question constituted material used in the performance of the taxpayer company's car delivery service; a question that was within the field of decision of the commissioners as an issue of fact. Statutory interpretation was a matter of law but the meaning of "material" was an English word, was a matter of fact for the commissioners.

There was no basis for holding that they were wrong in their conclusion. In respect of the fuel no other decision would have been possible. In respect of the more one of degree and was within the field available to the commissioners for their decision to operate in. There was no reason to criticize their conclusion.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Dodds Ashcroft, Liverpool.

Access in adoption

In re W (a Minor)

An order for access by the natural parents could be coupled with an adoption order where the parties so desired and such an order was for the child's benefit.

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Spare parts constitute trading stock for relief

Ashworth (Inspector of Taxes) v Mainland Car Deliveries Ltd
Before Mr Justice Knox
[Judgment June 16]

Supplies of spare parts, motor tyres and diesel fuel held by a company in the fuel transport business constituted part of its "trading stock" for the purposes of paragraphs 29 and 30 of Schedule 1 to the Finance Act 1976. It followed that the company could properly make a claim for stock relief in respect of such supplies.

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division dismissing an appeal by the Crown from a decision of general commissioners for Oversea Liverpool that the taxpayer company, Mainland Car Deliveries Ltd, succeeded in its claim for the relief for the year ended March 1980.

Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; Mr David Milne, QC, for the taxpayer company.

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Reid stays cool as challenges falter

From John Hennessy The Hague

Dale Reid gained her second victory of the Women's Professional Golf Association season here yesterday, with a final round of 72 - level par - and a total of 283 - five under par - in the Volvo Open Championship at the Hague Golf and Country Club.

Penny Grice-Whittaker, a still-sturdier figure than Yorkshire had begun the day three shots ahead of Miss Reid and seven ahead of their playing companion, Maureen Garner, of Northern Ireland.

Miss Reid thus won the £7,500 first prize by three shots from the admirable Mrs Garner, who is still feeling her feet in the professional world.

Mrs Grice-Whittaker's torment began at the first hole, where she had to pick out from an unplayable lie.

Miss Reid drew level with a birdie at the 179-yard eighth where she had a 60 on to 15 inches. Mrs Grice-Whittaker took three putts at the next and went into still sharper decline.

A two at the short 17th brought Mrs Garner within two shots of Miss Reid but it was the poor take of course, and a bold putt at the last, which induced two more, was a fortune attempt to force a play-off.

Peter Thomson, of Australia, produced a flash of brilliance from the past but it came too late to upset Neil Coles as he marched to victory in the Trusthouse Forte PGA Seniors Championships at Coventry yesterday.

Coles was never stretched as he won the title for the third year running, having started his winning sequence when he qualified for seniors golf two years ago at the age of 50.

Coles went into the last round of the event, which had been reduced to 54 holes with a day lost due to rain, holding a comfortable cushion of a seven-stroke lead over Thomson. Despite a late flurry from Thomson of four birdies, Coles finished with the twelfth hole, Coles finished with a winning margin of four strokes.

His two under par 71 gave him a 206 total, 13 under par while Thomson's 68, the lowest round of the day, left him on 210. Coles took first prize of £3,000 with Thomson winning £3,200 - "More than I ever picked up in winning any of my five Open championships," he said.

Coles and Thomson finished well ahead of the rest of the field, three places being taken by Peter Butler on 217.

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Pakistan in danger of being distracted by umpiring controversy

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

In various ways this has become the silly series between England and Pakistan, sponsored by Cornhill Insurance. There is too much talk and too little play, owing not least, of course, to the weather.

After Friday's wash-out in the second Test match we hurried to Lord's on Saturday, thankful to have woken at last to a beautiful morning. The earth had that lovely tang to it. Yet it was 2.45 before play started, and by then it was obviously to cloud over. There has been an awful lot of rain this month, and the ground, marvellously inviting though it looked, was no doubt very wet.

As the fielding captain, Imran was reluctant to get started, and the umpires were in sympathy with him. There is a fall of nine feet from the Grand Stand at Lord's to the Tavern boundary and it does get very soggy on the Tavern side.

On the other hand, it seemed so obviously fit when play did get underway that they could and should have started at least an hour earlier. There were echoes from that ill-fated Saturday in 1980 when fussiness prevailed over public relations and the umpires were told in the end to get on with it.

The less play there is, the more time is left for managers and captains and umpires and things to be drawn by the media into passing comments.

LORD'S SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for England and Pakistan batting and bowling statistics. Includes names like Broad, Muddassar, and scores like 55, 44, 170.

Kent frolic prelude to victory

By Ian Stafford

Kent's batsmen enjoyed a run spree at Old Trafford as they helped their side beat Lancashire by 52 runs in the Refuge Assurance League yesterday. Benson and Tavare both narrowly missed their centuries while Chris Cowdrey hit a half-century in just 27 balls as Kent scored a massive 290 for four.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Summary of cricket scores from other matches including Somerset v Sussex, Notts v Worcs, Lancashire v Kent, Warwick v Essex, and Hants v Middlesex.

Warwick v Essex

Cricket scorecard for Warwick v Essex, showing batting and bowling figures.

Northants v Glam

Cricket scorecard for Northants v Glam, showing batting and bowling figures.



Unhappy duo: David Constant, under fire, and Ian Botham with few runs beside his name

Walsh has Surrey subjected to too much Love

By Richard Streeton

HEADINGLEY (Surrey won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Surrey by 51 runs. Surrey were heavily outplayed in this Refuge Assurance League match yesterday by a magnificent 118 not out by Jim Love, who was mainly responsible for Yorkshire reaching an imposing 245 for four.

Doublets and triplets. Surrey made a poor start and lost four wickets cheaply before Ward and Jesty put on 76 together. Carrick was heavily punished. Ward hitting him for two successive sixes. Jarvis, however, in his second spell, dismissed Ward and Greig and finished with four for 19.

In the 38th over, however, Walsh cracked a full toss from Warner down the middle. On which cover boundary and in the next over Holding's slower ball, an effective weapon on this pitch, accounted for the last man, Lawrence. It was Holding's fourth wicket and he was a key figure in Gloucestershire's collapse from a high point of 60 for two, with Stovold showing the sort of patient accumulation necessary in the conditions.

Derbyshire's innings had likewise fallen away after Barnett and Maher had given them a score of 143 and 36.25, with Le Roux taking 40 wickets for 33, the visitors were set 140 in 35 overs to win. They succeeded in the final over with Le Roux unbeaten on 33. At Edgbaston, Warwickshire beat Essex by 2 wickets. Essex scored 161 in 40 overs and the home side, set to score 160 in an over less, did it in the penultimate over.

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All but one wicket fell to catches and very fine some of them were. Too, Tremlett held three, moving markedly quickly for a tall man. He collided with Chris Smith while reaching for a skier sent up by Ramprakash, but still came up with the ball.

Only Connor of Hampshire's bowlers was ill-treated and he still returned respectable figures. The bowling throughout the afternoon was just to get away, never more so than when Needham was on. Fractionally short of a length.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Summary of cricket scores from Saturday's matches including Leicestershire v Sussex, Lancashire v Kent, Yorkshire v Essex, Hants v Middlesex, Notts v Worcester, and Oxford U v Glamorgan.

Light wind Jamarella selection

By Malcolm McKee

Light winds across the country yesterday affected most major yachting fixtures. On Christchurch Bay, on the south coast, the one-tonners had an only-to-be-expected field day in the final inshore selection trials for Britain's James Capel Admiral's Cup team, and across Torquay Bay, the Australian team were leaders in the Fallriver Three Peaks Race in the lightweight Formula 40 catamaran, Castlemaine XXXX.

Alan Gray's Jamarella, with Rodney Pattison and Lawrie Smith on board, won the first inshore trial when a 165-degree wind-shift turned the opening beat into a reach, causing the course to be relaid for the second round.

Although beaten in both of yesterday's trials, Graham Walker's Indulgencia still looks certain to be in the team with Jamarella, Full Pitt and Jumo - the three one-tonners - fighting for the remaining two places. None has a clear supremacy over the others. Full Pitt looks best but lost her mast in the first selection race - the de Guinand Bowl - and yesterday hit a mark. Jumo has developed late, but Jamarella's performance yesterday (first, then second) augurs well.

Drama hit the Three Peaks Race 15 minutes after the start of the first round when the mast of Karmiror inexplicably collapsed in only about 12 knots of breeze, putting the much-fancied trimaran out of the race. With her two runners, Taylor and Irwin, currently holding the King of the Mountains full-time, Karmiror had secured a good bet for a possible win.

Fastest time on Snowdon was three hours 25 minutes, by Murray and Brooks, from Meccor, lying third.

POLO Win for Brent Walker

By John Watson

Brent Walker and Sladmore, having fought their way through four previous rounds for the Guards Club's medium-goal Royal Windsor Cup, faced one another in the final at Smith's Lawn yesterday. The trophy went with a 5-4 victory, to Brent Walker. It was handed over by The Queen's cousin, Lord Milford Haven, the team's patron and number one.

Sladmore's captain, John Horswell, fielded his brother, Edward, David Wood, a serving cavalry officer, and Patrick McElwaine, a New Zealander with whom Horswell co-operates to import from that country many ponies, some of which, looking of excellent quality, were in action yesterday.

That was a well-balanced squad. My impression, however, was that they were up against somewhat underhand opponents; that, in particular, Brent Walker's William Lucas, looks more a five than a four and William Roberts more a four than a three. But it has been mainly the skilful interaction between Kent and Lucas that has given Brent Walker superiority in this 30-year-old tournament.

Other match: HERRING v HENNING. Britain's Robert Herring, 18, dominated both races to win the Yugoslav 250cc motor cross grand prix at Jastrabsko yesterday.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing today's sports fixtures including Second Cornhill Insurance Test, British and American County Championships, and various other sports events.

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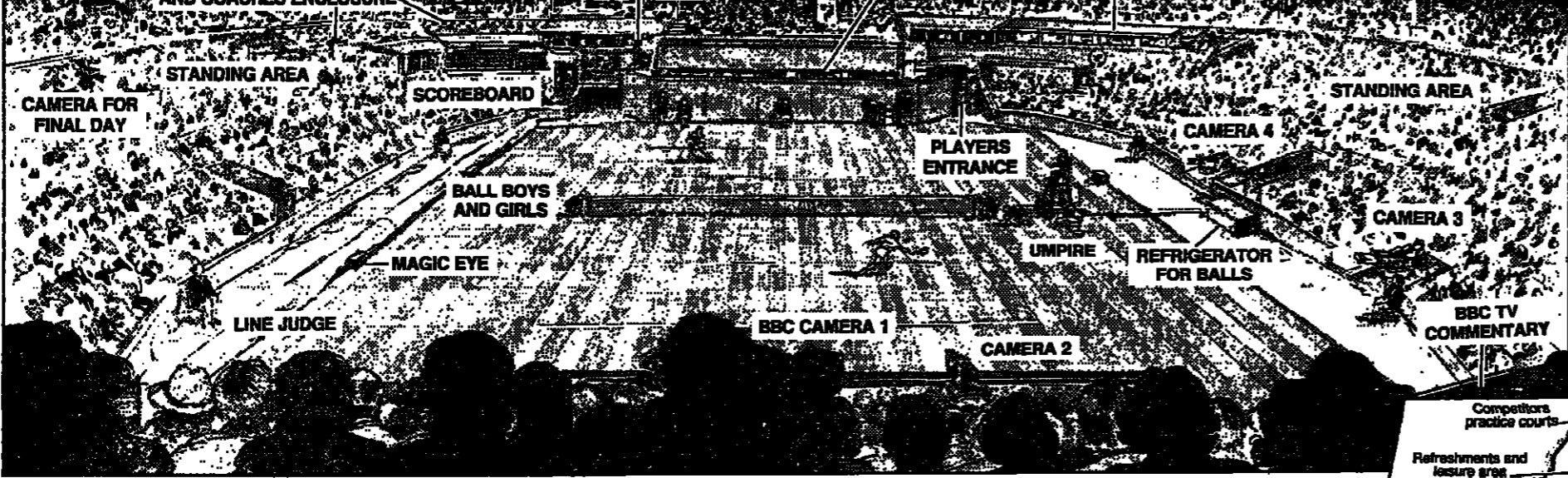
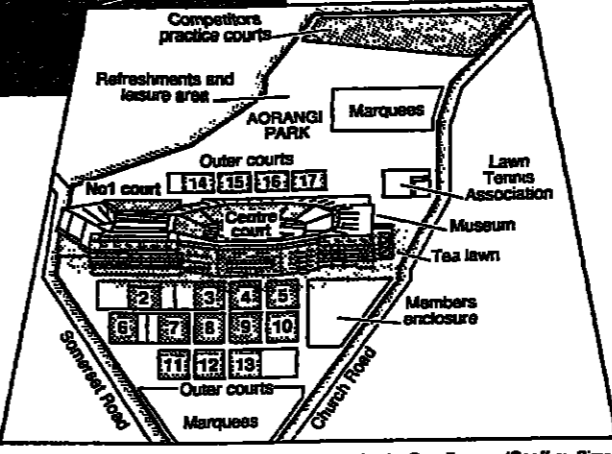
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The Times focuses on the 110th Wimbledon Championships, which begin today

A room with the view to greatness

By Ian Stafford

Centre court is now a familiar sight to all tennis enthusiasts, but out of view behind and below the Royal Box, is the unknown territory where the off-court dramas of delight and defeat are played out...



This is the famous view of Wimbledon's Centre Court from BBC's Camera 1, which millions of viewers will see throughout the Wimbledon fortnight.

In the top, right-hand corner is the BBC radio commentators' box, which houses five individual compartments large enough only for two small chairs each and a microphone.

Directly opposite Camera 1 is the Royal Box, an area eight seats wide, which is graced each year by the Duke of Kent...

Above the scoreboard to the left of the Royal Box is the enclosure for players and their families and coaches.

Ian Stafford

Mandlikova has the class to lift title

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The 101st Wimbledon championships, the 20th since the introduction of open competition, will begin today.

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Mandlikova: needs Wimbledon for a grand slam set of championships

The Frenchman was Jean Borotra, who in 1925 entered the room and subsequently lost his Wimbledon crown.

During the early rounds, the players will go onto the centre court directly from the dressing rooms, but the finalists will use the players' waiting room...

WIMBLEDON SEEDINGS

Men SINGLES Winner: £155,000 Runner-up: £77,500 1. B Becker (W); 2. I Lendl (C); 3. M Navratilova (S); 4. S Edberg (S); 5. M Navratilova (C); 6. J Mayotte (A); 7. J McManis (A); 8. A Gomez (E); 9. H Leconte (F); 10. J Mayotte (S); 11. P Cash (D); 12. B Gilbert (A); 13. J Mayotte (S); 14. E Sanchez (I); 15. Fede (U); 16. K Curren (U).

Women SINGLES Winner: £139,500 Runner-up: £69,750 1. M Navratilova (S); 2. S Graf (W); 3. C Evert (U); 4. H Mandlikova (C); 5. S Graf (A); 6. P H Shriver (U); 7. G Sabatini (A); 8. M Malovec (B); 9. C M Nielsen (D); 10. B Burge (W); 11. L McNeil (U); 12. C Lindqvist (S); 13. M McManis (A); 14. B Potter (U); 15. K Malovec (B); 16. R. R. Rupp (U).

Mixed doubles Winner: £27,900 (shared) Runner-up: £13,950 (shared) 1. K Flach and Miss K Jordan (U); 2. P McNamee (A) and Miss M Navratilova (S); 3. Sanchez (I) and Miss P Shriver (U); 4. P Arraras and Miss B Nielsen (S); 5. F Forget and Miss C Tanner (F); 6. S Zengonov (U) and Miss E Frost (D); 7. D Vesce and Miss R Farbank (S); 8. M Kraatzmann (A) and Miss E Bur and J Warren (U); 9. J Wornick and Miss J Byrne (A); 10. S Smitson and Miss A Smith (U); 11. G McNeil (S) and Miss A White (U); 12. R Van't Hof and Miss M Sauer (U); 13. A Kohberger and Miss P Fendick (U); 14. M Morsen and Miss J Basset (U); 15. J Fitzgerald and Miss A Basset (U); 16. S Basset (C).

It would be no surprise if the semi-finals were Becker v Cash and Edberg v Lendl, but there are dangerous contenders who could make nonsense of such a forecast.

The British? Well, many of the large domestic contingent were not good enough to get into the draw on merit but were invited to fill pre-arranged vacancies.

REX BELLAMY'S GUIDE TO SIXTEEN PLAYERS TO WATCH AT WIMBLEDON



Boris Becker US (born Germany). Aged 19. Fourth appearance. Retired hurt in 1984 but was champion next two years and is still improving.



Ivan Lendl Czechoslovakia, but lives in US. Aged 27. Eighth challenge. Semi-finals 1983 and 1984, runner-up last year. Three times French champion, twice US champion.



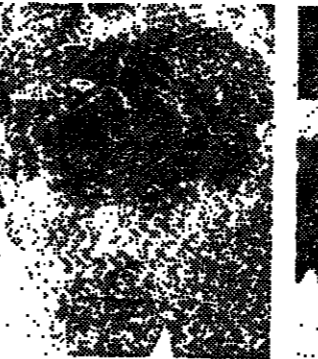
Mats Wilander Sweden. Aged 27. Seventh challenge. Has never reached quarter-finals but has twice won Australian title, on harder grass courts.



Stefan Edberg Sweden. Aged 21. Fifth challenge. Like Wilander, has never reached quarter-finals. Unlike Wilander, plays classic serve-and-volley game.



Yannick Noah France. Aged 27. Making only his fifth challenge in 10 years. Has less confidence in his grass-court potential than others have.



Tim Mayotte US. Aged 24. Seventh challenge. Semi-finals 1982. Reached quarter-finals three times. Always in last 16.



Pat Cash Australia. Aged 22. Fifth challenge. Reached semi-finals in 1984 and quarter-finals last year.



Kevin Curren US (born South Africa). Aged 29. His eighth challenge. Reached semi-finals in 1983 and was runner-up in 1985.



Martina Navratilova US (born Czechoslovakia). Aged 30. 15th appearance. Seven times champion. Probably the greatest grass-court player in history of women's tennis.



Steffi Graf West Germany. Aged 18 (just). Third challenge. Reached last 16 in 1984 and 1985. The most exciting newcomer since Tracy Austin.



Chris Evert US. Aged 32. 16th appearance. Three times champion, seven times runner-up. She has only once lost before semi-finals.



Hana Mandlikova Czechoslovakia. Aged 25. Ninth challenge. Runner-up 1981 and 1982. Has won French, US and Australian titles and needs Wimbledon to complete the grand slam set.



Helena Sukova Czechoslovakia. Aged 22. Sixth challenge. Reached quarter-finals in the past two years. Has beaten Navratilova and Evert in grand slam tournaments.



Pam Shriver US. Aged 24. 10th challenge. Reached semi-finals in 1981, quarter-finals in 1984 and 1985.



Gabriela Sabatini Argentina. Aged 17. Third challenge. Reached semi-finals last year. Challenging Graf for leadership of the new wave.



Claudia Kohde-Kilsch West Germany. Aged 23. Seventh challenge. Has yet to reach quarter-finals. Accomplished all-court player but usually tall - and a rather languid, one-paced player.

England risk anger at Lynch

By Alan Lee

England are risking political repercussions by using Monte Lynch as their 12th man in the second Cornwall Test at Lord's, while he is still serving out a suspension from all international cricket.

Lynch, who was born in Guyana but is qualified by residence for England, toured South Africa with a rebel West Indian team in early 1984 and was subsequently banned until September of this year.

Although he is technically not breaking his suspension by acting as a 12th man, it seems a remarkably indelicate selection by England, especially in view of this week's gathering of world cricket officials in London to debate the West Indians' proposal seeing to curtail all cricketing contact with South Africa by teams and individuals.

The West Indian delegation arrive on Wednesday for Friday's special meeting of the International Cricket Conference and it is not difficult to envisage them translating Lynch's appearance in a Test at headquarters as a provocative act by England, who oppose their resolution.

Naturally enough, England's hierarchy say it is nothing of the kind. Team manager Micky Stewart was responsible for recruiting the 12th man for the final three days of the game — DeFreitas, the player omitted from the original squad, returned to his country on Friday night — and he produced two Surrey men, Lynch and his own son, Alec Stewart.

There is no doubt that Stewart was fully aware of Lynch's ban (as Surrey manager until last September, he could hardly be otherwise) but he explained: "The only consideration was to find the two best fielders available from counties who were not playing. Lynch is a very fine fielder and his ban does not prevent him doing the job."

Lynch's only appearance so far has been to provide training repairs for one of the batsmen on Saturday, but if England do not reconsider the propriety of their choice, he could today be used as a substitute fielder. Lynch is ambitious to play for England when his ban ends and he is eligible for selection for the World Cup in October.

Stewart said he has confirmed the availability of about 20 players for the full winter tour and that, so far, no one has expressed a wish to only undertake one or two of the three distinct sections.

Surprisingly, however, Stewart has not yet asked Graham Gooch.

Stewart will, I believe, find Gooch amenable to touring again and enthusiastic about the World Cup, but he may well be the first to take advantage of the option to decline availability for only part of the trip.

Navratilova plots defence from embattled zone

By Barry Wood

Boris Becker, champion for the past two years, opens Wimbledon's centre court programme today while Martina Navratilova wonders how she can recapture the form that has won her the women's crown for the last five years.

Miss Navratilova was beaten 7-6, 6-3 in the final of the Pilkington Glass championship at Eastbourne yesterday, and she has now gone seven months without winning a tournament. Never has the player acknowledged as one of the greatest of the game ever seen entered Wimbledon without the cushion, the comfort, the confidence of a recent success.

Her defeat at the hands of Helena Sukova left her absolutely shattered, and I have never seen her so close to tears as she was while trying to explain to the Press yet another failure.

Her spirits are low as she prepares for her centre court match against Claudia Porwick of West Germany tomorrow. And they could not have been raised by the stories

published yesterday that she had ordered a ring and was planning to go through a marriage ceremony with her companion Judy Nelson at the end of the championships.

Miss Navratilova admits that grass is her favourite surface, the one best suited to her game, and the one she expects to enjoy greatest success on. Yet she failed to win the last grass court event she played, losing to Hana Mandlikova in the final of the Australian Open, and now she has lost again.

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Although she tried to make light of her Eastbourne defeat, her doubles partner, Pam Shriver, had earlier revealed how important it was for Navratilova to go into Wimbledon with her confidence restored by a resounding victory.

"It will be important to her if she wins against Sukova, and even more important to her if she loses," Shriver said



Agony: Navratilova displays the anguish of her defeat

just an hour before the match.

What will concern Miss Navratilova most of all is that she lost against Sukova when it was seemingly impossible for her to do so. She led 5-0 in the first set, and yet she lost that set, and she never looked like winning the second.

When Miss Navratilova walks out onto centre court tomorrow at 2pm to begin the defence of her Wimbledon crown, it is unlikely that her thoughts will be entirely on the tradition and atmosphere of the occasion. While she acknowledges the cheers of the crowd, while stepping out with her young German opponent, her innermost thoughts will surely be pondering whether she will be in a position to repeat the defence of her Wimbledon crown in 1989.

Yesterday she put down her racket, left the practice courts behind, and dedicated herself to a series of meetings as a member of the Women's International Tennis Association board of directors. It was a welcome although at times tedious respite from competition and allowed her to try to forget her even-deepening crisis.

"I'm not down yet. I'm not finished and there is a lot of good tennis still in me," she claimed on Saturday. "I am definitely not going into Wimbledon with my usual confidence but I still feel I am the favourite. I still feel I can win."

No one would seriously suggest that Miss Navratilova is finished.

Six players have won leading women's titles this year — Hana Mandlikova, Zina Garrison, Steffi Graf, Chris Evert, Helena Sukova and Miss Shriver. It is strange that the name of Miss Navratilova is not among them.



Ecstasy: Sukova lunges for a backhand shot en route to victory (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

END COLUMN

Why the IOC is stuck on Seoul

By David Miller

Monique Berlioux, the director of the International Olympic Committee until the members tired of her autocracy, once observed that what the Olympic Games needed was not a permanent site but a permanent alternative site. That thought becomes even more pertinent as tear gas forms an almost permanent mist in the lobbies of exclusive Seoul hotels while demonstrating students continue hurling rocks at the police outside.

With law and order on the streets of South Korea in disarray, as opponents of the dictatorship seek democratic changes, the fourth consecutive Olympic Games is threatened. The IOC is nominally responsible for staging the world's most extravagant party but in reality, it has little authority over either the guests or the hosts. For the moment, the IOC is powerless to take action.

"I am very worried," Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, admitted yesterday at the headquarters in Lausanne. "As always, we are having to pay a price for the



importance of the Games. We now have two problems — from North Korea and from South Korea."

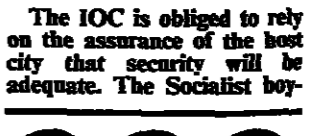
Being under contract to the Seoul organizing committee, the IOC cannot withdraw the Games. It would, besides, be premature to contemplate this 15 months before the opening. An international football event, for example, has just been completed without disruption. Moreover, it would break the IOC itself if it had to meet South Korean penalty claims for breaking the contract.

Invitations for 1988 go out from Seoul in September, with countries having four months in which to reply. If the crisis continues, the IOC will become alarmed by December. The NBC television contract becomes void if America withdraws.

The only time the IOC came close to moving the Games was in the middle of 1975, when it seemed Montreal would fail to be ready by the following year in its massive and expensive construction programme. Lord Killanin, who was then president, had unofficial plans to switch to northern West Germany, centring the Games on the superb new stadium at Dusseldorf.

"Had Montreal not been ready, they would have been breaking the contract," Lord Killanin said yesterday. "With Moscow, that was never the case, for they were awarded the Games at a time of détente to general international approval, and the Afghanistan invasion came only seven months beforehand. I was never happy myself with the award to Seoul, but one goes along with the members' decision."

The IOC is obliged to rely on the assurance of the host city that security will be adequate. The Socialist boy-



cott of 1984 hid behind accusations of inadequate security in Los Angeles. There is no possibility that the South Korean Government, with billions of dollars invested in the Games, will admit to security incompetence.

When Mexican police started firing on student demonstrators just before the opening of the 1968 Games, many parents requested the withdrawal of their children who were competing. The problems in switching venue from Seoul are immense. Tom Bradley, the Los Angeles mayor, has offered the facility, and Munich, Moscow or East Berlin could cope with staging 22 events, but only with a year's notice. Birmingham, who bid for 1992, could not offer now, with no major stadium, and nor could Barcelona.

The difficulties of the Seoul Government, satellite of the United States, at resisting democratic changes originate in Washington. America helped create this capitalist Asian phenomenon. It will be strange if North Korea's ideological attempt to disrupt the Games succeeds through the intransigence of an American-backed government rather than the, at present, reluctant intervention of Socialist allies.

Watson savours chance to loosen the noose of failure

From Mitchell Platt's Golf Correspondent San Francisco

Tom Watson, savouring the prospect of a victory in the 87th US Open, said: "This is probably the most important round of my life."

It was, perhaps, a touch theatrical, but the erudite Watson knew as the final round unfolded here yesterday that a victory would put him back on course for a special place in the record books.

For a rejuvenated Watson could then turn his attention to the Open Championship at Muirfield, where next month he has the opportunity to equal Harry Vardon's achievement of six victories.

Watson, who also won the US Masters in 1977 and 1981 and the US Open in 1982, is too professional a player not to come back. Even so, three years without a victory raised

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	333	5	10	422	4
2	394	4	11	430	4
3	223	3	12	390	4
4	438	4	13	180	3
5	457	4	14	417	4
6	437	4	15	609	3
7	289	3	16	428	4
8	197	3	17	428	4
9	452	4	18	245	4
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Total yardage: 6,714		Par: 70			

unforgettable chip from out of the rough on the 17th hole at Pebble Beach in 1982 where he won the US Open. The golfing gods, however, decided on Saturday afternoon finally to loosen the noose which has been tightening around Watson's neck.

He had on three occasions during the third round taken three putts. But Watson removed the possibility of another by holing out. The smile that creased the freckled face of the golfer from Kansas City with the Huckleberry Finn image said it all. "I'm nervous, sure, but then I want to be," he said. "I've put myself in a position to play a round of golf which is perhaps the most important of my career."

"I know how to win. I've been down that road many times before. I've not forgotten. I just haven't done it recently."

Twenty players were within four shots of Watson as the final round began, and they included Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer.

Watson had compiled a 71 for the lead with a two-under-par aggregate of 208, while Clearwater had equalled the course record of 64, clearing Simpson (70) in second place.

Ballesteros following his disappointing second round of 75 on Friday, recovered with an excellent 68 but Langer, who scored 73, was a victim of the greens which got faster as the day wore on.

LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 208: T Watson, 72, 66, 71, 228: K Clearwater, 74, 71, 64; S Simpson, 71, 68, 70; P J. Chappell, 70, 70, 70, 211; J. Mahaffey, 72, 72, 67; S Ballesteros, 69, 69, 73, 222; C Simpson, 67, 72, 72; L Langer, 69, 69, 69, 73, 222; C Simpson, 70, 73, 68; K. Nixon, 72, 71, 69; G. Hallberg, 71, 72, 69; T Simpson, 76, 68, 73; R. Whitcher, 72, 68, 72; D. Gadd, 71, 69, 72; M O'Grady, 71, 69, 72; T Nakajima (Japan), 68, 70, 74. Other scores: 210: G Norman (Iowa), 72, 69, 74; 216: A Lyle (GB), 70, 74, 72; 217: R Floyd, 69, 73, 76; 221: J-M Ozambalde (Sp), 76, 69, 76.

De Castella cuts it fine

By a Special Correspondent

Robert De Castella, the world marathon champion, was disqualified and then reinstated as winner of yesterday's Great North Run.

The Australian, aged 30, had cut down his race number and after crossing the winning line of the half-marathon in 62 minutes and four seconds was immediately disqualified on a technicality by the race referee, David Littlewood.

De Castella lodged an appeal, explained he was unaware of the AAA ruling on race numbers and was reinstated as winner. He would have lost around £10,000 in appearance and prize money. "I couldn't believe it when they said I was disqualified," he said.

"I always cut down my race number to help the air circulate more freely around the top half of my body which is important to a distance runner. I have never had any trouble about it. I didn't know about the rule and I will have to be more careful in future."

Mike Farrell, secretary of the Amateur Athletics Association, said: "The referee was perfectly correct to disqualify him. But his appeal was upheld."

Commonwealth marathon champion, Lisa Martin, made it an Australian double by winning the women's race in 69 minutes 47 seconds, two seconds outside the record she set in the event last year.

Hodde signs for Monaco

By Ian Ross

Monaco (AFP) — Glenn Hodde, the England and Tottenham Hotspur midfielder, finally completed his on-off transfer when he joined AS Monaco yesterday for a fee believed to be in the region of £7 million (about £700,000).

Hodde, aged 29, joins his international colleague Mark Hateley, who signed from AC Milan last week, and the two are expected to be among the best-paid of Britain's football exports to mainland Europe.

Until last weekend Hodde had been destined to join Paris St Germain, and was expected in the French capital last Sunday, along with his agent, Denis Roach, to sign for the club.

But he failed to turn up, and was later learned to have been booked on a flight to Nice, from where he drove along the coast to the Principality and was met by officials of the Monaco club and Hateley.

Hodde and Hateley will both find life in the millionaire tax haven on the Riviera a far cry from what they have both been used to.

Monaco struggle to attract crowds of more than 5,000, whereas Hateley regularly played in front of 60,000 at AC Milan in the San Siro stadium and Tottenham are among the best-supported of English clubs and their attendances average around 50,000.

Sweeping changes not for Harvey

By Ian Ross

Colin Harvey yesterday emerged from the shadows within whose confinement he has worked so diligently to further the cause of Everton Football Club over the past 11 years.

At a hastily arranged press conference the 42-year-old tenniskit coach, who was suitably attired in an unfamiliar collar and tie, introduced himself with a declaration that he would pursue a policy of continuity at Goodison Park.

Conscious that expectations are exceedingly high as he steps into the seat of Howard Kendall — who has severed his links with the English champions to join Athletic Bilbao — Harvey was quick to dispel the fears of those who may have envisaged sweeping changes.

"The current squad can't be too bad as we have just won the League Championship. There will be no spectacular changes at the club; perhaps a few minor ones but nothing that is going to upset anyone," he said.

And in a veiled reference to persistent rumours which suggest that Peter Beardsley, Newcastle United's unsentenced England international, could well be at Goodison Park next season, Harvey insisted he was more than satisfied with his present squad. "Things have run very well now for four or five years, the players know exactly what is expected of them so there is no great need for change," he said.

Everton are so confident that Harvey has the ability and experience to succeed Kendall — who was the most successful manager in the club's history — that they have awarded him a four-year contract. It is a staggering declaration of faith in an age where anything other than success is regarded as unmitigated failure.

"Without a doubt this is the biggest challenge of my life. I have taken over from the man I considered to be the best manager in the first division. I was very surprised that Howard had decided to leave because I would have backed him to stay," he said.

Harvey, who has already promoted the current second team coach, Terry Darracott to the post of assistant manager, is likely to make more changes later this week. Mike Lyons, the former Everton defender who was recently dismissed as manager at Grimsby Town, is a leading contender for Darracott's old position. "Terry is a great enthusiast who has the respect of everyone at the club. His appointment as my assistant is all part of the continuity programme," Harvey said.

The future of Mick Heaton, the first team coach alongside Harvey for the past four years, is still shrouded in mystery. He is expected to meet Kendall later today for talks and could well be offered a supporting role in Bilbao.

World Cup golf back

San Francisco (Reuters) — The World Cup of golf, featuring two-man teams from 32 countries, will be renewed later this year in Hawaii, the International Golf Association announced yesterday.

Howard Clark, IGA chairman, said the 33-year-old tournament, offering \$750,000 in prize money including \$100,000 dollars for each member of the winning team, would be held on November 18-21 at Kapalua, on the island of Maui.

Ritchie second

Torhout, Belgium, June 20 (AFP) — Domingo Catalan of Spain, won the first 100km world championship for runners at Torhout, Belgium, in 6hr 19min 35sec, from a field of 2,290. He was more than 20 minutes ahead of Don Ritchie, of Scotland, with Terry Tullett, of Brighton, sixth.

Title decider

The Canadian, Michael Olajide, and Iran Barkley, of the United States, have been nominated to meet for the vacant International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight title later this year, it was announced in Vancouver.

High marathon

Zithulele Singe, a black South African goldmine worker, won the Johannesburg (6,000ft) marathon in 2hr 14min 11sec, claimed to be the fastest time for a marathon at altitude.

Italy banned

Rome (AP) — UEFA, the European football federation, has revoked the European title of the Italian Under-16 team because one of its players was four days older than the rules require, Italian newspapers reported.

LeMond back

Greg LeMond, the first American winner of the Tour de France last year, who resumed training last week after a shooting accident, will have his first race in the Coors Classic in the west of the United States from August 5 to 23.

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